

OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL

Day: Monday
Date: 12 November 2018
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Lesser Hall 2 - Dukinfield Town Hall

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive any apologies for the meeting from Members of the Panel.	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Panel.	
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OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL

10 September 2018

Commenced: 2.00 pm

Terminated: 2.35 pm

Present: Councillors Ricci (Chair), Bell, Buglass, Fairfoull, Glover, Kitchen, Pearce, Peet and Warrington

In Attendance: Tom Wilkinson Assistant Director of Finance
Simon Brunet Policy Manager

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Bailey, Homer and T Smith

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 30 July 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

15. 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 June to September 2018.

It was reported that both the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel and the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel had held three formal meetings in June, July and September 2018. Work programmes had been developed and approved for the period 2018 to 2020 and panel members had identified a number of priorities for the first half of the municipal year.

The work that had been undertaken by the scrutiny panels was outlined as follows:-

- The Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel had considered the new NHS England guidance to reduce the future prescribing of over-the-counter medicines for minor and self-limiting conditions. They had also been consulted at a local level on the subject by Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group as part of a 12 week period of engagement and a formal response to the consultation had been drafted for sign-off by the panel.
- The Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel had received a detailed overview of air quality impacts from a health and environmental perspective. Tameside was part of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan and the panel had an ongoing role to input to the development and engagement of plans. A working group had been established to look at the complexity of issues and possible solutions to improving local and regional air quality.

The Panel were informed that North West Employers had held two 'Shaping Successful Scrutiny' training sessions that had been attended by 80% of panel members. The training was designed to deliver a refresh on scrutiny fundamentals, processes and councillors becoming effective

scrutineers. Feedback was very positive from both new and long standing members of the scrutiny panels.

Following discussion members of the Overview (Audit) Panel commented that it was imperative that all members of the scrutiny panels be trained and requested that arrangements be put in place for the 20% of members who had not attended the training sessions. In response to queries it was confirmed that scrutiny panel members received an introduction and background information to topics prior to commencing an in-depth review

RESOLVED:

- (i) **That the content of the report be noted; and**
- (ii) **That a standard agenda item named ‘Scrutiny Update’ be added to all future meetings of the Overview (Audit) Panel in order to receive timely reporting of scrutiny activity and outcomes for assurance.**

16. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY COMPLAINT HANDLING

The Assistant Director (Policy, Performance and Communications) submitted a report that provided a summary of the annual Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman report on complaints received about local authorities and other social care organisations.

It was reported that the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman was the final stage for complaints and information was published on complaints, enquiries and decisions that had been made on individual local authorities in July for the preceding financial year. It was important to note that high volumes of complaints did not necessarily indicate the quality of a council’s performance but instead could be a sign of an open, learning organisation.

The number of complaints about Tameside Council was in line with Greater Manchester and slightly lower than the national average. Complaints about Tameside Council had remained consistent over the past two years (78 in 2016-17 and 79 in 2017-18) with an increase of over a third from 57 complaints received in 2015-16. There was no clear driver for the increase however, complaints relating to Environmental Services increased significantly in 2017 before falling in 2018 and there had been a gradual increase in complaints relating to Planning and Development over a three year period. The percentage of Tameside Council complaints that had been upheld was lower than the Greater Manchester and national average.

The report outlined the four key national complaint themes, which were as follows, and a summary was provided on Tameside’s position against the themes:-

1. Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty
2. Bin Complaints
3. Education, Health and Care Plans
4. Bed and Breakfast Accommodation

Members commented that scrutiny could assist with the four national themes and requested that an analysis of internal complaints be provided to give scrutiny panels an opportunity to examine areas of local concern.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

17. APPROACH TO ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

The Assistant Director (Policy, Performance and Communications) submitted a report that detailed the approach to engagement and consultation for Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission.

It was reported that when undertaking a change in service provision targeted work was required to ensure that the decision was supported by an evidence base that had regard to the law and impact on equalities, quality and the public, patients and service users. There were three strands to engagement and consultation all of which needed to be supported by an assessment of impact by protected characteristic group:-

1. Strategic Engagement
2. Thematic Engagement
3. Consultation

A Partnership Engagement Network was established in 2017 in order to deliver a strategic approach to engagement and consultation across Tameside and Glossop. It allowed for ongoing conversation with the public and stakeholders and created an opportunity for people and organisations to have their voices heard and to contribute to the development of public sector programmes and work. Three conferences had been held in October 2017, February 2018 and June 2018 that consisted of presentations and facilitated workshops, which were attended by over 300 participants. In addition, three forum meetings had been held in November 2017, February 2018 and May 2018.

A Tameside and Glossop Engagement Strategy had been created and was appended to the report and considered by the Panel. A table listing the 46 recent and upcoming engagement and consultation activities was detailed in the report. A monthly email containing information on upcoming consultations would be circulated to Members and shared at Strategic Neighbourhood Forum meetings.

RESOLVED:

- (i) **That the content of the report be noted;**
- (ii) **That a monthly email containing information on live consultations be circulated to Members; and**
- (ii) **That details of live consultation activity be shared with the Strategic Neighbourhood Forums for consideration as potential agenda items.**

18. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

CHAIR

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Agenda Item 4.

Report To:	OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL
Date:	12 November 2018
Reporting Officer:	Sandra Stewart, Director – Governance and Pensions Sarah Dobson, Assistant Director – Policy, Performance and Communications
Subject:	SCRUTINY UPDATE
Report Summary:	To receive for information, a summary of the work undertaken by the Council’s two scrutiny Panels for the period September to November 2018.
Recommendations:	That Overview (Audit) Panel are asked to note the content of the report and summary of scrutiny activity.
Links to Corporate Plan:	Scrutiny work programmes are linked to the Council’s corporate priorities. Scrutiny activity seeks to support effective decision making and priorities across Tameside.
Policy Implications:	The work programmes comprise activity that seeks to check the effective implementation of the Strategic Commission’s policies and if appropriate make recommendations to the Executive with regards to development, performance monitoring, outcomes and value for money.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. Any costs incurred by the Scrutiny Panels must be met from existing budgets.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	<p>Overview and scrutiny committees were established in English and Welsh local authorities by the Local Government Act 2000. They were intended as a counterweight to the new executive structures created by that Act (elected mayors or leaders and cabinets). Their role was to develop and review policy and make recommendations to the council.</p> <p>Today, the legislative provisions for overview and scrutiny committees for England can be found in the Localism Act 2011. Those for Wales are in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, and those for Northern Ireland are in the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014. There are no legislative provisions for overview and scrutiny in Scotland, though many Scottish local authorities do operate scrutiny committees alongside executive structures.</p> <p>Local authorities also manage processes of ‘external scrutiny’, where their committees look at issues which lie outside the council’s responsibilities. In England, specific powers exist to scrutinise health bodies, crime and disorder partnerships, and Police and Crime Commissioners. Combined authorities are also required to establish overview and scrutiny committees.</p>
Risk Management:	Regular updates to Overview (Audit) Panel provide assurance that scrutiny is progressing with an effective work programme that supports good decision making and service improvement.

Access to Information:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Paul Radcliffe, Scrutiny Manager by:



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 It was agreed at the previous Overview (Audit) Panel held on 10 September 2018 for a standing Scrutiny Update item to be added to future meetings. The item will provide a platform for appropriate insight, activity, outcomes and proposals to be relayed. This method of reporting will support the improved responsiveness of scrutiny work and also prevent any delay in the communication of key messages.
- 1.2 This report, by nature, aims to provide members with a general summary of scrutiny activity and includes detail of activity and proposals. It remains that all reports produced by scrutiny panels as a result of in-depth review will be tabled separately at the earliest opportunity.

2. SCRUTINY ACTIVITY

- 2.1 With the annual work programmes and priorities agreed at the June meetings, panel members identified a number of priorities for the municipal year, which are timely and coincide with consultation activity for which a valued response and input can be achieved.
- 2.2 Scrutiny in practice will continue to be mindful of the suitability and appropriateness of timings with regards to the impact and value of planned activity. This includes the selection and order of topics and updates to be received during the year ahead. The tables below provide a summary and chronology of scrutiny activity.

Figure 1: Breakdown of activity at the formal Scrutiny Panel meetings

INTEGRATED CARE AND WELLBEING	
13 September 2018 (Completed)	8 November 2018 (*Planned)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel signed off a formal response to the consultation for Over the Counter Medicines. This was submitted on 14 September 2018, see APPENDIX 1. • The Panel received information on the Quality of Tameside Care Homes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A working group was established to continue this work with the Quality Improvement Team and providers. - Meeting of the working group arranged for 25 October 2018, to pursue lines of enquiry with the Quality Improvement Team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel met Cllr Oliver Ryan, Executive Member (Children and Families) and Richard Hancock, Director of Children’s Services, to receive information specific to the most recent Ofsted monitoring letter, improvement priorities for the remainder of 2018 and new children’s safeguarding arrangements. • 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. Membership and terms of reference was agreed, see APPENDIX 2. • Presentation received on the impacts of welfare reform. Information to inform future lines of enquiry, with a joint working group established, to include members of both panels. • Past activity on the review of Suicide has now concluded. This will be brought as a complete report, with the Executive Response, to the Overview (Audit) Panel meeting on 13 February 2019.

PLACE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

11 September 2018 (Completed)	6 November 2018 (*Planned)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel received a presentation on Business Growth from David Moore, Director of Growth and Ade Alao, Head of Investment and Development. • Follow-up on Air Quality, to include priorities and reporting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel met with Cllr Bill Fairfull, Deputy Executive Leader and Tom Wilkinson, Assistant Director of Finance, to receive on Tameside procurement arrangements and delivering value for money. • Presentation received on the impacts of welfare reform. Information to inform future lines of enquiry, with a joint working group established, to include members of both panels. • Confirmed plans for activity to be undertaken in relation to air quality in Tameside and local ambitions, to complement the work of the GMCA and TfGM.

*Papers for Overview (Audit) Panel published in advance of the 6 and 8 November meetings.

Training for Scrutiny Members

- 2.3 Information on this was included within a previous update report for the meeting of 10 September 2018. The training has now been delivered and finalised, with all scrutiny members invited to attend a formal training session to inform and support their current role. The training was delivered on two separate dates in order to accommodate availability of councillors, with a requirement to attend only one of the sessions.
- 2.4 The sessions took place on the dates and times below, with notification emails sent on 1 August 2018 (3 weeks prior to the 1st session and 4 weeks prior to the 2nd session):-
- 2pm to 5pm on Wednesday 22 August 2018
 - 6pm to 9pm on Wednesday 5 September 2018
- 2.5 The training was developed in partnership with North West Employers (NWE) and delivered by Dr Stephanie as a NWE associate. The content was designed on 'Shaping Successful Scrutiny' and aimed to deliver a refresh on scrutiny fundamentals, processes and councillors becoming effective scrutineers.
- 2.6 The training was well received, with positive feedback on its ability to refresh and enthuse councillors in their role. Across the two sessions a total of 25 of the 32 scrutiny members attended. A further session was arranged for the Chairs to update the remaining 7 Councillors and this was attended by 3 councillors. There are now only 4 Councillors who have not attended any of the sessions made available, with attendance information being shared with the Chair of Overview (Audit) Panel.

Keeping Scrutiny Members Informed

- 2.7 It was discussed at the September meetings that a regular update email will be created and circulated to all councillors with a scrutiny position. The purpose is to raise awareness to a variety of materials to support their scrutiny role and to ensure councillors have the opportunity to contribute and share any open consultations and engagement exercises. This will include a wide variety of topic areas for consideration.
- 2.8 The update email is to be sent on a monthly basis and will include links to Greater Manchester Priorities and the work of the Combined Authority Scrutiny Panels. It will also

allow members to gain oversight of how work of the panels is shared and reported within the Council. The first update email was sent in September 2018, see **APPENDIX 3 & 4**.

Public Participation and Engagement

- 2.9 The work of Tameside's Scrutiny Panels is both informed and influenced by the overarching aim to improve service provision and outcomes for residents. Historically, public participation and attendance at panel meetings has been low. Scrutiny is keen to ensure that awareness is raised, with regards to the public meetings and matters for consideration. Further work is also needed to encourage participation by introducing alternative meeting venues and further involvement of co-opted members.
- 2.10 Since the start of the municipal year options have been explored to raise public awareness of general scrutiny activity. This has included regular messages through social media channels to update on activity and sign post residents to the public meetings, papers and topics being discussed. More work will now be undertaken to enhance the way that task and finish groups operate, by creating a more flexible approach to meeting locations and ways to promote community engagement.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As set out on the front of the report.

Mr Peter Howarth
Head of Medicines Management
Tameside & Glossop CCG

**Chair of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing
Scrutiny Panel**

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Dear Mr Howarth,

Consultation re Over the Counter Medicines

I write on behalf of Tameside Council's Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel. Members would like to thank you for attending the meeting of 26 July 2018, at which you provided a detailed overview of the new NHS England guidance relating to over the counter medicines, prescribing practices within primary care and local engagement and consultation activity that is underway.

As discussed at the meeting on 26 July 2018, the Scrutiny Panel seeks to submit a formal response to the consultation, which closes on 14 September 2018. This letter therefore aims to provide a summary of collective discussion points and to express any issues and concerns raised at the meeting.

I would be extremely grateful if on receiving this letter you are able to take the appropriate action to ensure responses of panel members are submitted to the consultation and that dialogue on this matter between the Clinical Commissioning Group and Scrutiny Panel is suitably recorded.

In order to effectively promote self-care within Tameside communities and the responsibility of individuals in treating self-limiting conditions, members highlighted a number of points for consideration when supporting a future decision on how the new NHS England guidance is to be interpreted and adopted at a local level.

It is important that the guidance is considered alongside the broader aims to reduce demand across primary care and urgent care. Panel members also acknowledge the significant progress Tameside, as an area, is making to improve awareness of self-care and system navigation through the Care Together programme.

Concerns were expressed in relation to wider complexities of a primary care prescribing system that supports the most vulnerable, requires the individual discretion of GPs and one that is ineffective in parts.

I have listed some of the main discussion points below, which are to be viewed as individual responses from panel members, under the collective of a main panel.

- This is closely connected with the need to improve triage methods across the local healthcare system and also the behavioural change in the way residents will be able to seek advice and medication for certain conditions, without a need to book GP appointment.
- This is a positive opportunity to educate residents in making a decision to seek health advice or care. For example, alternatives to include local pharmacies.
- The new NHS England guidance is open to self-interpretation of local Clinical Commissioning, with a limited ability to influence GP prescribing.
- What, if any, are the barriers and challenges for GPs to change approach? There is a need to explore this further by practice and demographical insight.
- Wider impact of deprivation on health outcomes. Residents who currently qualify for free prescriptions may not be able to afford medication sold at a pharmacy. This could discourage GP attendance by deprived and vulnerable groups, therefore contributing to less informed health choices and worse outcomes.
- A need to further examine socio-economic factors for Tameside when determining how best to adopt guidance. What may work for other authorities not necessarily suitable for Tameside.
- Risks associated with the possibility of people with a minor condition not attending the GP, which could lead to a major health problem.
- When planning to support the most vulnerable residents – options to reduce or remove costs for over the counter medication?
- This has the ability to improve outcomes for residents who pay for prescriptions, where medication at a pharmacy may be cheaper than the prescription charge and faster to obtain.
- Positive comments that the wider engagement and consultation work undertaken will support informed local decisions and help raise general awareness.
- Concerns were raised about an individual's confidence to seek alternative approaches and to determine whether certain conditions are minor or self-limiting.
- A future decision will require comprehensive understanding and analysis of local social and financial vulnerabilities.
- General feeling that this may be easier for residents who already pay for their prescriptions and more difficult for residents in receipt of free prescriptions.

If any further clarity is needed around any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Gillian Peet
Chair - Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

CHILDREN'S WORKING GROUP – 2018/19

TERMS OF REFERENCE

RATIONALE

The Children's Working Group is instructed as a fixed sub-group of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel for the remainder of the 2018/19 municipal year.

Seeking the lived experience and wishes of children and young people about the services they receive must be an active driver for decision-making and service development. The group will look to ensure that there are sufficient and adequate mechanisms in place to encourage participation, with the aim to inform service delivery.

The group will have a specific remit to consider matters relevant to Children's Services and Education. In addition to this, the group will monitor past actions and recommendations put forward by the Voice of the Child Overview Panel in 2017/18.

To do this the working group will meet with stakeholders, review existing documentation and assess a range of information and evidence. The group does not make decisions about service provision but will provide comment and recommendations to support services in capturing the views and experiences of children and young people.

SCOPE & OBJECTIVES

The scope and objectives of the Children's Working Group are to:

- Create a fixed membership to include elected members from the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel, co-opted young people and co-opted adults.
- Seek to identify and establish a working list of topics for consideration.
- Deliver statutory functions when educational matters are considered.
- Promote 'critical friend' challenge to the improvement process.
- Ensure young people and adults feel safe and able to voice any concerns.
- Encourage broader participation opportunities for young people.
- Review the variety of methods available for residents and young people to communicate their views.
- Ensure that Children's Services continue to use the findings from participation and engagement in strategic and operation improvement, as well as in individual case decisions.
- To encourage participation to a range of local and regional consultations.

OVERSIGHT AND REPORTING

The Chair of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny holds responsibility for the oversight and approval of activity undertaken by the Children's Working Group. The working group is to be chaired by the Deputy Chair of the Scrutiny Panel.

The Children's Working Group will establish a work pattern whereby every meeting will have set objectives and measured outcomes, in the form of a response paper or letter. Findings and actions from the meeting will be tabled and presented at the next available meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel, for information and sign off. To prevent any delay in reporting, all findings and papers will be shared directly with the Chair of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel prior to submission.

STATUTORY ROLES

As part of the Children Act 1989 it is the duty of the authority in its care of children and young people, to listen to and base improvements on the wishes and feelings of children and young people on matters that affect them.

A further statutory requirement for the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel is to include co-opted representatives when dealing with educational matters. Local authorities must appoint:

- Parent Governors at maintained schools
- Representative of the Roman Catholic Church
- Representative of the Church of England

ACTIVITY

The Children's Working Group will:

- Ensure that designated groups and networks for children and young people are being listened to and adequately supported to have their voice heard on a strategic level. This includes testing whether individuals and groups are being listened to by the bodies responsible for implementing change.
- Ensure that the voice and lived experiences of young people are acted upon on an individual level. To include examination of how this is evidenced across Children's Services and Educational services.
- Include evidence from external challenge mechanisms and regulators, for example complaints; whistleblowing; Serious Case Reviews; examples of respectful challenge and judicial reviews.
- Benchmark new and innovative ideas for gathering the experience of residents and young people at strategic and operational levels.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the working group is:

- Cllr Teresa Smith (Chair)
- 4 x Councillors from the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel
- 3 x co-opted young people
- 3 x co-opted adults (to include Roman Catholic and Church of England representatives as set out under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000).

MEETINGS

The group will have four fixed meeting dates for the remainder of 2018/19 municipal year:

- Wednesday 14 November 2018 - 6.00pm
- Wednesday 16 January 2018 - 6.00pm
- Wednesday 27 February 2018 - 6.00pm
- Wednesday 3 April 2018 - 6.00pm

In addition to the dates above, the panel may hold additional meetings when deemed appropriate by the subject being considered.

The group will meet in private at Dukinfield Town Hall, as is standard for a scrutiny working group. Meetings will last no longer than 2 hours.

September 2018

It was discussed at the September meetings that all scrutiny members will receive a regular update email. The purpose of the email will be to raise awareness to a variety of materials to support the scrutiny role and to provide opportunity to contribute, share and ‘have your say’ on any open consultations and engagement exercises. This will include a wide variety of topic areas for consideration.

Links will be included to Greater Manchester Priorities and the work of the Combined Authority Scrutiny Panels. You will also be informed and kept up to date on how the work of scrutiny is shared and reported within the Council.

Open Consultations

Digital Skills (Tameside) - Tameside Council is committed to developing good digital skills for all of our residents. We want to be able to measure our progress in developing resident’s digital skills. The survey will help us to establish the base figure of resident’s current digital skills, against which we will measure future progress. Deadline 2/11/2018 - Please click [here](#).

Beelines (Regional) - Transport for Greater Manchester and Greater Manchester’s Cycling and Walking Commissioner Chris Boardman have published proposals to make Greater Manchester the first city-region in the UK to have a fully joined up cycling and walking network, covering 1,000 miles in total. The proposals set out a strategy for effective delivery for a network that will make cycling and walking a viable choice for those living in the region. The focus of the proposed network is to enable two thirds of people who get about in the car to choose to travel by bike or on foot. TfGM want to hear comments and opinions from members of the public on the proposals. Please click [here](#).

You can have your say by looking at the map of proposed routes and leaving your comments on the page by using the comment button.

A map of the proposals can be found [here](#) which shows the current and proposed routes, and reports are also available [here](#).

A guide to using the map and commenting can be found [here](#).

Sale of Energy Drinks to Children (National) – The Department of Health and Social Care are consulting on ending the sale of energy drinks to children. They wish to gather views and evidence on the advantages and disadvantages of ending the sale of energy drinks to children, and on alternative options, before making a decision. Please click [here](#).

A New Deal for Social Housing (National) - This consultation from the government is seeking views on how to make sure that social housing provides safe and secure homes. It will consider how the government can re-balance the relationship between residents and landlords to ensure issues are resolved quickly and residents’ voices are heard. The consultation is open to anyone, including residents, landlords and lenders. Please click [here](#)

All live and past consultations are available for viewing at the [Big Conversation](#) pages on the Council website.

Greater Manchester Scrutiny

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) has a number of Scrutiny Panels tasked to monitor specific areas. Each panel is made up of a councillor representative from each of the GM authorities. The links below provide you with access to the most recent meeting papers for each of the panels.

[Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny](#)

[Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview & Scrutiny](#)

[Housing, Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny](#)

Overview (Audit) Panel

The work of both scrutiny panels is formally reported to the Council's Overview (Audit) Panel throughout the Year. Scrutiny Chairs and Deputy Chairs are members of this panel and present the activity and reports undertaken. I have provided links below to keep you informed of the papers presented at the meetings in July and September 2018.

[Overview \(Audit\) Panel – 30 July 2018](#)

- [Effectiveness of Local Authority Overview and Scrutiny](#)
- [Scrutiny Annual Work Programmes](#)
- [Scrutiny Report – Approach to Community Safety Partnership Working](#)

[Overview \(Audit\) Panel – 10 September 2018](#)

- [Scrutiny Update](#)

Scrutiny Resources

In addition to the recent training events delivered by Dr Stephanie Snape, I will look to share any available material with you. This will range from general information from the Centre for Public Scrutiny ([CfPS](#)) and any training material to support you in your role during the course of the year.

All scrutiny members received an email from Simon on 2 August 2018, with supporting documents. I have attached (below) the CfPS practice guide for making effective recommendations.



CfPS Practice Guides
(2014).pdf

October 2018

Welcome to the October 2018 Scrutiny Update.

This regular update allows me to keep you informed of upcoming activity, including engagement and consultation with regards to local, regional and national decision making. All of the open consultations listed below are available for you access and complete, with the opportunity to raise greater community awareness and participation where possible. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links.

I hope this is something you will continue to find useful and please let me know if you require any further information.

Open Consultations

[Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge](#) (Local) - In February this year the Greater Manchester Town Centre Challenge was launched, to regenerate urban centres across the region. Stalybridge was agreed as the Tameside town centre. This is an opportunity to raise the profile of Stalybridge and attract investment from a range of organisations. To attract that investment a clear plan is needed for a vibrant town centre and the views of local people are essential to this. Please complete the survey by **31 October 2018** and let us know your views on Stalybridge Town Centre.

[Council Tax Support Scheme](#) (Local) - Tameside Council's Council Tax Support Scheme provides financial assistance to residents with low incomes. A range of proposals are currently being considered on whether the Council Tax Support Scheme should change for 2019/20. The deadline for comments is **22 November 2018**.

[Gambling Act Policy](#) (Local) - In accordance with the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005, Tameside Council is required to publish a Statement of Principles (also known as the 'Gambling Policy'). The statement provides guidance on the approach the Council, as the Licensing Authority, takes on gambling licensing matters. The Council is required to review its policy at least every three years. The existing statement is due to expire in February 2019. Before the revised statement can be adopted, the Licensing Authority must consult with a wide variety of individuals and businesses that may have an interest in licensed premises within the area. The deadline for comments is **4 January 2019**.

[Same Sex Accommodation on In-Patient Mental Health Wards](#) (Local/Regional) – Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust is to reviews its approach towards managing the privacy, dignity and safety of patients on in-patient mental health wards. The Trust is considering the move towards Same Sex Accommodation from the current arrangement of Mixed Sex Accommodation. Before any decisions are made the views of involve patients, staff, families, carers and stakeholders will be sought through an online survey. The deadline for completion is **26 November 2018**.

[Greater Manchester Culture Strategy](#) (Regional) – Greater Manchester is known globally for its significant contribution to culture, which is why the Culture Strategy for the region sets to build on this, and to develop Greater Manchester as the best place in the world to create, participate and engage with culture and heritage. You can help shape the future of Greater Manchester's cultural offerings by feeding into the consultation on the draft strategy. Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) are asking for your comments by **6 November 2018**.

[Developing a Good Employment Charter for Greater Manchester \(Regional\)](#) - Greater Manchester is developing a Good Employment Charter. The aim of the Charter is to help employers reach excellent employment standards and become more successful as a result. They are now seeking your views on their draft Employment Charter, which will help to finalise what it looks like for people across Greater Manchester. GMCA particularly want to hear from employers and employees in the private, public and voluntary and community sectors, people working in organisations responsible for employment practices, and representative bodies such as business groups and trade unions. The deadline for comments is **18 November 2018**.

[Greater Manchester Industrial Strategy \(Regional\)](#) - Greater Manchester is a world-renowned centre of industry, innovation, enterprise and creativity. Developing an industrial strategy is an opportunity to drive our city-region forward as a global economic powerhouse. The Mayor of Greater Manchester and the wider GMCA want people to have their say on the strategy before it is agreed in March 2019. Your views will help shape the future of the city-region's economy. The deadline for comments is **22 November 2018**.

National Engagement and Consultations

There are currently a number of pieces of work being led by Government departments and agencies that you may wish to take part in. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below:

- Contracting Arrangements for Integrated Care Providers (ICPs) – NHS England are consulting on the contracting arrangements for [Integrated Care Providers \(ICPs\)](#). Closing date: **26 October 2018**.
- A New Deal for Social Housing – The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government is seeking views on a [New Deal for Social Housing](#). Closing date: **6 November 2018**.
- Relationships education, relationships and sex education, and health education - The Department for Education is seeking views on the draft regulations, guidance and impact assessment relating to [Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\) and Health Education](#). Closing date: **7 November 2018**.
- Proposals for the reform of the annual canvass – The Cabinet Office are seeking views on the [proposed reforms to the annual canvass](#). Closing date: **30 November 2018**.
- Calorie labelling for food and drink served outside of the home – The Department of Health & Social Care is seeking views on making [places that serve food and drink outside of the home show calorie information \(calorie labelling\)](#). Closing date: **7 December 2018**.
- Improving adult basic digital skills – The Department for Education is seeking views on plans to improve [adult basic digital skills](#). Closing date: **10 January 2019**.

All live and past consultations are available for viewing at the [Big Conversation](#) pages on the Council website.

Greater Manchester Scrutiny

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) has a number of Scrutiny Panels tasked to monitor specific areas. Each panel is made up of a councillor representative from each of the GM authorities. The links below provide you with access to the most recent meeting papers for each of the panels.

[Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny](#)

[Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview & Scrutiny](#)

[Housing, Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny](#)

Scrutiny Resources

In addition to the recent training events delivered by Dr Stephanie Snape, I will look to share any available material with you. This will range from general information from the Centre for Public Scrutiny ([CfPS](#)) and any training material to support you in your role during the course of the year.

Recent publications include:

- [Scrutiny Guidance: Things to Think About](#)
- [Taking on the Housing Challenge: A Scrutiny Councillor's Guide](#)