

## SOUTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

**Day:** Monday  
**Date:** 13 January 2020  
**Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Place:** Hyde Town Hall

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1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>MINUTES</b> To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the South Strategic Neighbourhood Forum on 14 October 2019.	1 - 2
3.	<b>ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION</b>	
a)	<b>OUR CURRENT POSITION AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR 2020</b> To receive a presentation of the Director for Children’s Services.	
b)	<b>TACKLING POVERTY IN TAMESIDE</b> To receive a presentation of the Director of Population Health.	

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# Agenda Item 2

## SOUTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

14 October 2019

**Commenced:** 18:30

**Terminated:** 19:27

**Present:** Councillors Affleck, Alam, Chadwick, J Fitzpatrick, P Fitzpatrick (Chair), Kitchen, Owen and Robinson (Vice-Chair)

**In Attendance:** Debbie Watson Assistant Director for Population Health  
James Mallion Consultant Public Health

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Bowden, Buglass and Cooper

### 4 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on the 1 July 2019 were approved as a correct record with amendment that Councillor Affleck be included in the list of persons present.

### 5 REGULATION OF PRIVATE RENTED HOUSING SECTOR

A presentation was submitted by the Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods in respect of improving standards in the private rented housing sector.

It was explained that more vulnerable groups such as families with dependent children and older people were now finding homes in the private rented sector for longer and poor quality private rented sector housing had substantial impact on corporate priorities for Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commissioning Group.

The link between poor quality private rented housing and health and social care and homelessness and poverty was detailed and discussed.

The growth and major benefits of selective licensing were explored and a project timeline was given for the consultation and governance process.

Members of the Forum enquired on the areas being considered for Selective Licensing. It was explained that evidence would be collected and a case prepared to take the Executive Cabinet following this there would be a 10 week consultation period.

### RESOVLED

**That the content of the presentation be noted.**

### 6 FLU

The Director of Population Health submitted a presentation providing information with regard to the Flu virus and how to protect against it.

The Assistant Director of Population Health explained to Members that Flu was highly infectious with symptoms that escalated very quickly, including, fever, chills, headache, aches and pains in the joints and muscles and extreme tiredness. Healthy people usually recovered within two to seven days, but for some the disease could lead to hospitalisation, permanent disability or even death.

The best way to protect against it was by having the vaccination before the flu season started. Eligibility for a free flu vaccination for adults and children and how this could be obtained, was detailed.

Members of the Forum enquired on the work being done on elderly people and the prevention of shingles and if this could be addressed at the same time as the flu vaccination. It was explained by the Assistant Director of Population Health that there could be differences between each GP practice but this would be looked at further. A discussion was had between Members on the methods of communicating the message to the public.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the content of the presentation be noted.**

## **7 DOMESTIC ABUSE**

The Director of Population Health submitted a presentation in respect of Domestic Abuse and the scale of the problem in Tameside.

Members were advised of the increase in medium/high risk cases of domestic abuse; the high number of referrals to Children's Social Care relating to domestic abuse, the increase in referrals and repeat referrals to support services in Tameside; and a reduction in domestic abuse reporting from BME; LGBT and disabled groups.

The costs of domestic abuse were also highlighted, with a Home Office estimation of £250 million per annum in Tameside.

Examples of current domestic abuse storylines in popular TV soap operas were given and two case studies from Bridges Outreach Service were also detailed and discussed.

It was explained that a new strategy and approach was currently being formulated, taking a longer-term view to do more to prevent domestic abuse. Recent work had highlighted 4 key priorities:

- Preventing Domestic Abuse;
- Continuing to support victims/survivors;
- Holding perpetrators to account; and
- Support a co-ordinated community response.

Members of the Forum discussed the support available to victims, reference was made to the low conviction rate and how coming forward to report abuse can lead to the victim needing to find a new home.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the content of the presentation be noted.**