

## PLACE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS SCRUTINY PANEL

**Day:** Tuesday  
**Date:** 9 March 2021  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Place:** Zoom meeting

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1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
2.	<b>MINUTES</b>	1 - 4
	To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel held on 26 January 2021.	
3.	<b>UPDATE OF HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY (HMIC) INSPECTION OF GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE (GMP)</b>	5 - 8
	The Panel to meet Superintendent Rob Cousen, Divisional Commander Tameside; Councillor Allison Gwynne, Executive Member, Neighbourhood Services; and Ian Saxon, Executive Director, Neighbourhood Services to receive an update on the response to the HMIC inspection of GMP.	
4.	<b>RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY CONSULTATION</b>	9 - 12
	The Panel to receive the formal response submitted to the consultation on the Community Safety Strategy.	
5.	<b>GREATER MANCHESTER SCRUTINY</b>	
	The Chair to discuss priorities and recent activity of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Scrutiny Committees.	
6.	<b>CHAIR'S UPDATE</b>	
	The Chair to provide a verbal update on recent activity and future priorities for the Panel.	
7.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	To note that the next meeting of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel will take place on Tuesday 8 June 2021.	

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From: Democratic Services Unit – any further information may be obtained from the reporting officer or from Paul Radcliffe, Policy and Strategy Lead, to whom any apologies for absence should be notified.

**8. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any additional items the Chair is of the opinion shall be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

# Agenda Item 2

## Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel

26 January 2020

**Commenced:** 6.00pm

**Terminated:** 7.35pm

**Present:** Councillors Glover (Chair), Mills (Deputy Chair), Billington, Bowden, Bowerman, Chadwick, Choksi, J Fitzpatrick, P Fitzpatrick, A Holland, Hollinshead, Jones, Lewis, Naylor, Pearce, Robinson, Sharif, Sweeton.

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor Alam.

### 28. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel held on 10 November 2020 were approved as a correct record.

### 29. STRATEGIC TRANSPORT

The panel welcomed Cllr Warren Bray, Executive Member for Transport and Connectivity, Jayne Traverse, Executive Director for Growth, Jonathan Marsh, Strategic Planning Manager for Transport for Greater Manchester, David Willis, Transport Strategic Officer for Transport for Greater Manchester, Graham Holland, Planning Policy Team Manager, Simon Eastwood, Senior Engineer, and Simon Pateman, Senior Planning Policy Officer to receive presentations regarding transport planning for Tameside.

Mr Marsh and Mr Willis gave a presentation on the GM Transport Plan 2040. Mr Holland, Mr Eastwood, and Mr Pateman gave a follow-up presentation on the implications of the plan for Tameside.

Mr Marsh informed members of the refresh of the Transport Strategy 2040 that has taken place over the past 12 months to reflect the latest policy agendas, including active travel, carbon reduction targets, and bus reform. Particular focus has been given in the revised document to town centre regeneration in Greater Manchester and the "Right Mix Vision" of a 50/50 split between journeys using cars and walking, cycling or public transport.

In order to facilitate this, the first five-year Transport Delivery Plan 2021-26 has been drafted and is due to be presented at the next Combined Authority meeting on Friday 29 January with a view to publishing in February. This includes the latest positions around funding, asks from government and local implementation plans.

Mr Wills presented the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for Tameside, which complements the Transport Strategy 2040 and Delivery Plan by summarising the key local transport issues in the borough. The LIP is a live document and is expected to be revised over the next five years if and when new opportunities and challenges arise.

There then followed a discussion covering a number of topics including:

- The timescales for delivery of the Right Mix vision locally,
- Decisions on funding for local railway stations and other infrastructure outside Manchester city centre,
- Uptake of the latest GM Bus Consultation and the possible implications of bus franchising for taxpayers,
- Clarification on the use of £17 million of emergency active travel funding,
- Delivery of orbital lines to travel around Greater Manchester while bypassing the city centre,
- Delivery of integrated smart ticketing system for Greater Manchester public transport,
- Monitoring of Key Performance Indicators for Delivery Plan as a whole,
- Business case for development of Stockport + Stalybridge railway line,

- Clarification of difference between bus Rapid Transport Scheme and bus Enhancement Scheme.

Mr Holland, Mr Eastwood and Mr Pateman elaborated upon the Local Implementation Plan for Tameside and how it has been informed by the council's Corporate and Investment priorities and other projects by Highways England, Transport for Greater Manchester and Network Rail. This includes delivery outputs and business case proposals for the next five years and local long-term development priorities. Consideration was also given to investment in Ashton Moss West and outstanding transport infrastructure issues in Ashton, Hyde and Stalybridge that the Local Implementation Plan seeks to address.

There then followed a further discussion covering a number of topics including:

- Implications of "Streets for All" programme for Hyde town centre, especially in addressing congestion on Market Street,
- Developing an integrated strategy to direct investment and reduce car use in town centres,
- Extension of Longdendale Bypass to Sheffield,
- Improvement of the Denton Island roundabout,
- Information about plans to address pinch points on the local bus network,
- Impact on Godley Green development on traffic volumes,
- Delivery date for development on Ashton Moss West,
- Bringing derelict land and bus station in Stalybridge back into use,
- Electrification of railway line from Manchester to Leeds.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Bray, Ms Traverse, Mr Marsh, Mr Willis, Mr Holland, Mr Eastwood and Mr Pateman be thanked for attending the meeting.

### **30. RESPONSE TO INCLUSIVE GROWTH STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

The Panel received for information, a letter of the Scrutiny Chair to Councillor Oliver Ryan, Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth, and Jayne Traverse, Executive Director for Growth, in response to the Inclusive Growth Strategy consultation

### **31. GREATER MANCHESTER SCRUTINY**

The Chair informed members that a working group meeting took place on 14 January 2021 with members receiving an update about the Living with Covid Resilience Plan. Members received information about Greater Manchester's plans for exiting the European Union, covering border control at the airport, food and energy supplies, business support, education and trade analysis. The Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 was also presented.

### **32. CHAIR'S UPDATE**

The Chair informed members that a formal response to the Budget has been now been submitted to the Executive, which will be appended to the Scrutiny Update report and tabled at the joint meeting of Cabinet and Overview Panel on 10 February. Services have also been contacted in regards to a follow-up for the report on Improving Quality and Standards in the Private Rented Sector. Despite the impact of the coronavirus pandemic research and data gathering has now been completed, and results will be reported the Executive to inform future proposals and decisions. A reminder was also issued about the Census taking place on 21 March 2021. As recently discussed at the Strategic Neighbourhood Forums, support will be provided for Tameside residents throughout the process and available via the Council website during March and April.

### **33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel will take place on 9

March 2021.

**34. URGENT ITEMS**

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

**CHAIR**

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# HMICFRS Report

- VSA Victim Service Assessment
- Assessment of service to victim from initial call to outcome
- Broken down into thematic areas
- Call Handling and initial response
- Crime Recording
- Investigations
- Outcomes
- Leadership and Governance

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Agenda Item 3

# Key Findings

- Too many non-emergency calls unanswered
- Assessment of victim vulnerability inconsistent
- Missed opportunities to secure evidence at scenes
- Prioritisation of calls is well managed and resources allocated appropriately
- 30,000 missed crimes
- Directly reported crimes from partner agencies are going unrecorded
- Under recording of Domestic Abuse and Behavioural crimes
- Incorrect Outcomes being applied



# HMICFRS Report

- We fully accept the findings of the HMIC report and our priority is to make the changes needed as soon as possible to provide the best service possible to victims of crime.
- 2020 has been a difficult year for Greater Manchester Police, and indeed all partners, with staff working through the difficult impact that COVID has had on professional and personal lives.
- We recognise the need for improvement in some areas, particularly by recording crimes properly, investigating crimes to the correct standard and recognising vulnerability while safeguarding our victims.
- Our action plan to address these issues has been agreed with the Mayor's Office, shared with both HMICFRS and the Home Office and is already making rapid progress.
- Victims are at the heart of everything we do. Tameside has an excellent multi agency partnership in place and the action plan will assist us in enhancing that further, supporting our communities when they find themselves in difficult and upsetting situations.

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# HMICFRS Report

- 'Think Victim' is the new ethos driving a wide area of improvements. For Police, it is a call to action to ensure that every victim of crime receives the service they are entitled to and improves public confidence in GMP as a result.
- GMP FLT know that there are many outstanding examples of victim support across the force every day, and our improvement will be supported by bringing these cases to the fore and sharing this best practice with colleagues.
- We are in this together as a partnership. Whilst we have had to undertake some urgent Police centric training, the FLT is counting on receiving the thoughts of multi-agency partners and the public for continued improvements moving forward.
- The views of partners, our communities and our staff will be integral so that we can understand the strategic, tactical and operational challenges which are impacting on performance, trust and confidence.
- Tameside Neighbourhood Strategy.

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Date: 21 February 2021

Dear Councillor Gwynne,

## **Community Safety Strategy 2021 – 2024 consultation**

I write on behalf of the Council's Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel. At the meeting on 10 November 2020, the Scrutiny Panel received a comprehensive update on the creation of a Community Safety Strategy 2021 – 2024 for Tameside. Members showed a high level of awareness of the issues raised, and expressed a keen interest to remain suitably informed of key developments with a view to improving outcomes for local residents and businesses.

The Scrutiny Panel seeks to submit a formal response to the Community Safety Strategy 2021 – 2024 consultation. This letter therefore aims to provide a summary of collective discussion points and to express any issues and concerns raised by panel members – both at the meeting and in subsequent conversations. I would be extremely grateful if on receiving this letter you are able to take the appropriate action to ensure the collective response is suitably recorded and submitted. It is also hoped that the response can be referenced within future reports and may support wider governance requirements in terms of engagement and feedback used to inform future decision making in this area.

Community safety at a local level is driven by strong and effective partnerships between the council, police, residents and other organisations. These work together to inform, influence and strengthen local knowledge, decision-making and provision. Activity is routinely planned to address emerging issues, set priorities based on the local needs of the community, and incorporate the themes of the GM Police and Crime Plan – Standing Together. There is also an ongoing need to consider how the views and experiences of residents are captured and best used to improve outcomes.

I have listed some of the main points below, which are to be viewed as individual responses from members, under the collective of Tameside Council's Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel.

- Members are supportive of the strategy and acknowledge the importance of the key priorities in the draft Tameside Community Safety Strategy 2021 - 2024, including:
  - Building stronger communities
  - Preventing and reducing violent crime, knife crime and domestic abuse.
  - Preventing and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.
  - Preventing and reducing the harm caused by drugs and alcohol.
  - Protecting vulnerable people and those at risk of exploitation.
  
- Integration and engagement with both residents groups and other services within the council are essential to ensuring an effective and comprehensive approach to Community Safety. It is noted that the Community Safety Partnership works closely with Youth Services in Tameside to operate schemes such as Cyclops, the Youth Council and LGBT groups. Neighbourhood watch groups have been supported to take on expanded responsibilities in areas such as Community Speed Watch, and mechanisms have also been set up to react quickly to reports of anti-social behaviour during lockdown. Support to communities from the police, council and other partners for the further expansion of initiatives such as these will be essential to a successful community strategy for the whole borough and its diverse community.
  
- Members highlight the importance of a “cumulative impact” approach to govern how many off-licenses, pubs, takeaways and betting shops are allowed to operate within a particular area. Unlike traditional licensing approaches, where applications are usually only rejected if objections are logged, a cumulative impact assessment would take into account whether the number, type or density of licensed premises will adversely impact crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. Such an approach – whether whole borough or in specific areas identified as hotspots – would be welcome.
  
- There are opportunities to combat anti-social behaviour by supporting community and youth centres, financially or otherwise, to work with young people. The Community Safety Partnership has helped to establish a charitable body called “Stronger Together Tameside” with the aim of getting local groups together to coordinate, share best practice and create joint bids for funding. The panel would like to have a future update on the progress of this initiative and its impact with a view to the sharing of good practice and learning.
  
- Reflecting on Bonfire Night this year and in previous years the panel are supportive of a community and neighbourhood based approach to ensure everyone remains safe, backed up with strong and proactive enforcement action.
  
- A major successes in recent years has been the significant reduction of rough sleeping within the borough, and it is commendable that this has been pretty much sustained through the period of the coronavirus pandemic. While it will be important to maintain the service post-pandemic, the key next stage should be an expansion into wider homelessness (not just rough sleeping) and a focus on upstream activity to support people earlier at the point they are at the risk of becoming homeless or having to sleep rough.

- The perpetrators of crime and anti-social behaviour do not operate to the administrative boundaries of local government or police forces. As such cross-borough collaboration is required to underpin an effective community safety strategy. The strategy for Tameside being part of a wider Greater Manchester approach is a positive, but that needs to be supported by local initiatives where appropriate. A strong example to build on is the work with Oldham Council on joint Public Space Protection Orders to prevent moorlands fires.
- Feedback from some constituents highlights concerns around the reporting of crime with regards to the likelihood of follow up action. There is a risk that this could be exacerbated following the recent report into Greater Manchester Police (GMP) by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC). While acknowledging that GMP has, like all public services, seen a reduction in resources a re-invigoration of neighbourhood policing is the key to rebuilding confidence. The panel will come back to these issues in the future work programme, providing constructive challenge as a critical friend, with the shared aim of building confidence and partnerships to reduce crime and keep our communities safe from harm.

There is a recognition that the coronavirus pandemic and social distancing requirements make traditional methods of consultation and engagement difficult, if not impossible in some cases. It is to be hoped that using virtual methods has allowed sufficient input from the public to the consultation, and that the discussions with Scrutiny and elected members has assisted in that process.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Councillor Mike Glover**

**Chair – Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel**

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