

EAST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Day: Wednesday
Date: 27 October 2021
Time: 6.30 pm
Place: Zoom

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive any apologies for absence from Members of the Forum.	
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EAST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

24 March 2021

Commenced: 6.30 pm

Terminated: 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors Pearce (Chair), Sharif (Vice-Chair), Sweeton, Billington, Dickinson, Feeley, Gosling, J Homer, S Homer, Jackson, J Lane, Patrick, Taylor, Wild and Wills

11 MINUTES

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting of the East Strategic Neighbourhood Forum held on 20 January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

12 BIG CONVERSATION

Consideration was given to a presentation of the Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence detailing ongoing consultation and engagement exercises across the borough. The consultation and engagement exercises covered:

- Active Tameside;
- Covid-19 Test and Trace;
- Electoral Ward Boundaries and Names;
- Godley Green Garden Village;
- Mental Health Act Reform;
- Health Improvement Service; and
- Dementia Call for Evidence: Black, Caribbean and African Communities in Greater Manchester.

The results of the consultations would be used to inform the next steps of the respective processes.

The Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence provided a further update on the Census 2021, which had been reported to Members at the last meeting of the Forum on 20 January 2021.

Members were informed that census day was 21 March 2021, but individuals had until the end of April 2021 to complete the mandatory questionnaire. The Council was ensuring that all residents were able to complete the digital census by providing access to a computer at one of six libraries across Tameside. Residents that wished to book a slot for a computer to complete the census could do so by calling 0161 342 2031. Although residents were being encouraged to complete a digital version of the census, paper copies were available by contacting the national helpline on 0800 141 2021.

It was essential that residents completed the census as it assisted the government with allocating funding and resources for public services over the next 10 years.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation, including the ongoing consultation and engagement exercises, be noted.

13 COMMUNITY SAFETY NEIGHBOURHOOD STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a presentation of the Head of Community Safety and Homelessness providing details of the ongoing work to identify and address community safety issues across the borough. Details of the development of a Community Strategy, to build stronger communities, was also presented to the Forum.

Members were informed that community safety covered a wide range of issues, including:

- Crime;
- Anti-social behaviour;
- Domestic abuse;
- Road safety;
- Homelessness & rough sleeping;
- Social isolation;
- Fire safety; and
- Counter terrorism & extremism.

The Head of Community Safety and Homelessness outlined the five key priorities of the Community Safety Strategy:

- Building stronger communities;
- Preventing and reducing violent crime, knife crime & domestic abuse;
- Preventing and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour;
- Preventing and reducing the harm caused by drugs & alcohol; and
- Protecting vulnerable people and those at risk of exploitation.

It was explained that the Community Safety Strategy would incorporate the themes of the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Plan; setting priorities around the needs of the local community and addressing emerging issues. It was hoped that the Strategy would build a stronger community making Tameside a safer place to live, work and visit.

Information on the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) was provided to Members and it was explained that the Group had been developed nationally by police forces and police authorities to provide independent advice in understanding the role and impact of the police in diverse communities. Members were informed that the Tameside IAG had been formed in February 2020 and was a group with a diverse membership, including members from all faith groups, the voluntary sector, community groups and charitable organisations. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the Group had met online each week and senior police officers had attended each meeting along with guest speakers.

Members were advised that there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour complaints during the pandemic, particularly neighbour disputes. The Forum were informed of some of the positive work that had been undertaken in tackling anti-social behaviour over the past 12 months. The Council had recently obtained a Closure Order for an Air BnB premises in Droylsden that had been the source of anti-social behaviour and Covid-related breaches. In addition, the Council had obtained injunctions against two individuals, one who had threatened library staff and another who had been abusive toward his neighbours.

In respect of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, it was reported that there were currently 59 registered schemes within Tameside. It was hoped that as coronavirus restrictions were gradually lifted, the Neighbourhood Watch groups would be able to participate in community speed watch operations. Training would be available to residents once government guidance allowed.

An update was also provided in relation to the Council's youth service provision and it was explained that, despite the closure of youth centres due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the service had remained operational throughout the various lockdowns. In total, there were eight youth clubs in Tameside in those areas with the highest levels of deprivation. Members were informed that detached youth workers had been engaging with young people in those areas where anti-social behaviour was prevalent and around 10,000 contacts had been made during the past year.

A discussion ensued regarding concerns related to begging and graffiti within Stalybridge town centre. Members had received reports from residents that individuals had been begging outside the supermarkets in the town and some people had felt intimidated as a result. The Head of Community Safety and Homelessness advised that concerns about begging in Stalybridge would be shared with the local police. In relation to graffiti, it was explained that the Council responded quickly to any reports of graffiti to ensure it was removed promptly.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

CHAIR

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Community Safety Partnership

GMP Tameside East Neighbourhood Strategy 2021-2023

Tameside Community Safety Strategy

The Community Safety Strategy has 5 key priorities:

- Building stronger communities
- Preventing and reducing violent crime, knife crime & domestic abuse
- Preventing and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour
- Preventing and reducing the harm caused by drugs & alcohol
- Protecting vulnerable people and those at risk of exploitation

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TAMESIDE EAST

DUKINFIELD, STALYBRIDGE & MOSSLEY

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Building a New GMP – Strategic Plan

PLANNING OUR FUTURE: BUILDING A NEW GMP

OUR PURPOSE: Focus on the basics: Fight, prevent and reduce crime. Keep people safe. Care for victims.



THIS IS WHAT WE DO:

- RESPOND TO INCIDENTS & EMERGENCIES
- INVESTIGATE & SOLVE CRIME
- PREVENT AND REDUCE CRIME, HARM AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
- DELIVER OUTSTANDING SERVICE
- BUILD PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT:

<p>Improve, simplify and align our core processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure we deal with incoming demand, and properly record, investigate and solve crimes Ensure end-to-end accountability and victim focus Simplify governance, reduce duplication and bureaucracy 	<p>Improve I.T. and broaden digital transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve / replace police works Boost digital skills across the organisation Ensure I.T. and digital technology are easy to use enablers of our core processes Update and upgrade our I.T. infrastructure and ensure it is fit for purpose 	<p>Become a more intelligent organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster evidence-based decision-making Scan the horizon, map and predict demand and emerging threats (incl. failure demand) Collect and analyse accurate, reliable and up-to-date information and share it in an easy to understand way Boost data and analytics skills 	<p>Strengthen and invest in the corporate services function</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure corporate services enable, contribute, support and influence the force as a strategic partner Boost and grow the professional skills across corporate services
<p>Establish effective performance management regime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure, monitor and manage what really matters Set clear performance expectations for everyone Recognise and celebrate good performance Fairly tackle poor performance 	<p>Strengthen our dedicated neighbourhood policing teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure they have resources and decision-making powers, local knowledge and a focus on partnership-based problem solving Help to build resilient communities Supported by specialist capabilities 	<p>Work in effective partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce risk to vulnerable people and stop people becoming victims in the first place Create a joint focus on creative problem solving in order to reduce demand Shared accountability for problems Joint intelligence and understanding of underlying causes of demand 	<p>Communicate and engage in a positive and proactive manner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a proactive dialogue with communities, listen to the public, understand issues Establish internal voice and create staff engagement channels Enhance media and stakeholder relationships
<p>Invest in and support our people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make GMP an attractive place to work Improve staff engagement, staff recognition and staff wellbeing Improve leadership skills across the organisation Strengthen strategic, operational HR and workforce planning processes so that we recruit, retain, develop and promote the best people Provide ongoing training, development support and career progression opportunities to all staff and officers 		<p>Invest in and improve our infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the estate, fleet, equipment and I.T. are fit for the job Embrace effective agile working Reduce environmental impact 	<p>Manage our resources effectively</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure funding and align finance strategy with strategic priorities Balance short and long-term financial planning Improve financial awareness and delegate more financial authority Focus on value for money

UNDERPINNED BY OUR VALUES:

- PUBLIC SERVICE & PROBLEM SOLVING
- INTEGRITY, HONESTY & OPENNESS
- ACCOUNTABILITY & UNITY
- KINDNESS
- HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
- BEING A LEARNING ORGANISATION
- DIVERSITY, EQUALITY & INCLUSION

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RESPOND TO INCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES

- 999 and 101 call waiting times will be shorter.
- You will be able to report a crime or incident online so you don't have to phone 101.
- You will be able to report problems in your area online directly to your neighbourhood policing team.
- If you are a victim of crime we will deliver the Victims' Code. You will be given the contact details of the police officer who is looking after your case. They will keep you informed of any progress and you will not have to call 101 for updates.
- If you have an emergency we will get to you more quickly.

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PREVENT AND REDUCE CRIME, HARM AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- You will see monthly high profile operations that target the problems we know you care about.
- Every area will have a neighbourhood policing team including named officers responsible for local policing.
- You will be able to contact your neighbourhood policing team directly.
- A proportion of our neighbourhood policing team resources will be ring-fenced and they will only undertake duties that are focused on addressing local concerns.
- We will focus extra help for people who are particularly vulnerable to the risk of harm, for example, people targeted by hate crime; people who are repeatedly targeted; or people who have reduced ability to keep themselves safe.

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INVESTIGATE AND SOLVE CRIME

- We will investigate all crimes and follow-up every reasonable line of enquiry.
- Every burglary will be attended by a police officer and followed up with an investigation.
- More criminals will be arrested.
- You will see us relentlessly pursue the disruption of serious and organised crime.
- We will seize more assets from criminals. If you are acting criminally you can expect us to seize your house, your car and your cash when we catch you.

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DELIVER OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

- We have invested in strengthening our leadership: every district will be led by a Chief Superintendent. You will know their names and be able to contact them.
- You will feel like we care about you. More victims of crime will be satisfied with how we look after them.
- Officers and staff do their jobs to the highest professional standards: we will have fewer complaints about poor service.
- You will see your neighbourhood policing team working with your council, the NHS and other organisations to solve problems that affect crime and anti-social behaviour in your area.
- Officers and staff will be well equipped to do their jobs well.

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BUILD PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

- You will have been invited to join in a public consultation to give us your views on what you want from our neighbourhood policing function.
- You will be able to speak to us regularly to tell us what issues you want us to address in your neighbourhood. What we do in your neighbourhood will be informed by what you tell us.
- We will proactively communicate with you to tell you what we are doing.
- We will deliver proportionate and fair policing where our tactics and use of force is not greater than the risk we are trying to address. We will publish data on how we are performing.
- Local forums and other panels will be strengthened to widen public scrutiny and we will take part in a bi-annual GMP accountability session with elected representatives and the monthly Mayor's Question Time.

GMP – What We Are Doing

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- ✓ *Arresting more offenders*
- ✓ *Conducting more warrants*
- ✓ *Seizing more drugs*
- ✓ *Seizing more vehicles*
- ✓ *Issuing more traffic offence tickets*
- ✓ *Reducing anti-social behaviour*
- ✓ *Being more problem focused*
- ✓ *More engagement*

- ❖ *And we will continue to do this and more.....*



Road Safety



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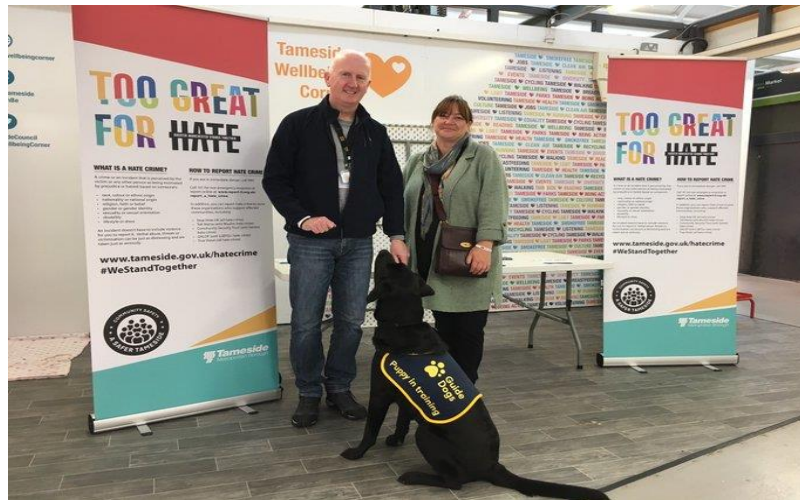
- Road Safety Working Group
- Road Safety campaign
- Road Safety Pledge



Hate Crime

- Promotion of National Hate crime awareness raising campaign
- Ongoing delivery of Hate Crime Awareness sessions to partners

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Community Safety Partnership Grant Funding

13 projects funded in 2021 / 22

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- ★ Arts Awards
- ★ Active Citizens
- ★ Road Safety
- ★ StoryMakers
- ★ Daisy Chain
- ★ Safe Squad
- ★ Personal Safety / Conflict Management Training
- ★ Our Day – Roll over project from 2020/21 – due to covid restrictions
- ★ Here comes Tango
- ★ BREE
- ★ Theatre Tracks
- ★ Ashton United In The Community
- ★ Odd Arts
- ★ JJ Effect



Works in the Community



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Working in partnership with continues with the aim of creating a safer, stronger, and active community where crime and anti-social behaviour is less likely to happen. There are 62 schemes registered through the Council and we are looking to build on that www.tamesidenwa.co.uk

The CSP funded the purchase of a vehicle for Ashton United In The Community (AUITC) which will be used to support the delivery of a series of community engagement projects, along with pop up events where the partners involved will have the means to promote current community safety awareness messages



Thank you

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Place Priorities

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Agenda Item 4



Economy, Employment & Skills

Tameside Business Resilience Clinic

- Launched as part of our COVID response, offering free, bespoke advice and guidance.
- Businesses are matched to support by a Project Manager from Economy Employment & Skills using the bank of Business Community Champions (BCC), GM Business Growth Hub provision and a catalogue of online support including webinars.
- BCCs are local business experts offering free support across specialisms including finance, social media and business start up. To date 63 businesses have registered and engaged with the Clinic.

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In Work Progression – launching January 2022

- Tameside has been selected by DWP to run a trial project, offering support to Tameside residents who are in work but would like to increase their earnings.
- Experienced staff will offer 1-2-1 support at a time and manager to suit each resident participating.
- Support will be tailored to the aims of each person, examples might be: if you are not earning enough money and want more hours; or if you are in a job you don't enjoy and want to gain skills to move into something different.

Economy, Employment & Skills

Tameside Youth Employment Support

- Created in response to increased challenges for young people following the pandemic, recognising the challenges many face when trying to find employment.
- Supports employers to create job opportunities matching the aspirations of a young person by offering reimbursement of first 6 months salary for apprenticeship or non apprenticeship roles.
- Create employment opportunities for our priority young people including Care Experienced.
- Partnership & Engagement Officer provides 1-2-1 support from application through to job sustainment, this includes:
 - Support with preparation for work, CV writing, understanding employer expectations and preparing for interviews.
 - Help transition young people in to the world of work.

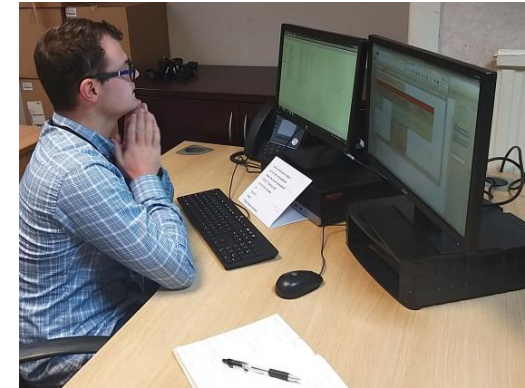
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Economy, Employment & Skills

Routes to Work Supported Employment Service

- Team of specialist advisors offering advice, support and practical assistance for anyone with a disability who would like to find employment.
- Offer on the job training using specialist methods.
- Provide retention advice and support to local businesses.
- Create network of opportunities for our residents with disabilities.
- Currently support 77 Tameside residents, 46 in work and 31 looking for work
- Tameside 20-21 achieved 7.12% of people with Learning Disability in paid employment, Government target of 7% by 2023.



“I love working, I don’t want to use my Annual Leave”

Jack, Document Controller, BLM

Autistic and Learning Disabled

A Town Centre's Framework

- Lack of overarching town centre strategy
- Regeneration and evolution of centres
- Place based investment approach
- Opportunity to pull various strands together
- Identify cross cutting themes
- A new Tameside Town Centre Framework will set the overarching principles for the regeneration of our towns and collaborative working to achieve this

Why Invest in our Town Centres?

- Housing and employment investment opportunities
- Excellent strategic transport infrastructure
- World class digital infrastructure – Dark Fibre
- Rapidly growing digital, ICT and creative sectors – Ashton Old Baths, St Petersfield
- Historic towns with heritage assets
- Access to countryside improve Quality of Life
- Strong connections to the wider GM City Region

Stalybridge Town Centre

- Significant stakeholder engagement for Stalybridge Town Centre has been carried out in recent years through the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge
- Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge Action Plan approved by the Council in February 2020

Challenges

- Stalybridge Town Centre is under performing relative to its potential. There is a broad and partly affluent catchment area, but suffers from poor footfall, land values, and economic activity. The Town Centre has struggled to attract investment, particularly in housing and commercial sectors.
- Several vacant sites available in the Town Centre but limited development has occurred.

Current Activity

- In September 2019 Stalybridge secured £1.275m through the HAZ Historic England programme with £1.275m match funding from the Council, runs to March 2024
- Programme designed around the outcomes highlighted by the public consultation
- £130k GMCA funding for Stalybridge to carry out due diligence and site investigations on key sites and for feasibility work across eight brownfield sites in the Town Centre for redevelopment. Identifies scope for c460 new homes

Levelling Up Fund

- The £14.5m LUF bid builds on stakeholder engagement for Stalybridge Town Centre. The top priorities identified in consultation to date include:
 - Reinvention of the Civic Hall to bring it back into everyday use;
 - Improve car parking facilities in the town;
 - Develop a river walkway;
 - Provide new cultural and arts activities; and
 - Build more affordable homes to support community in the Town Centre.
- If LUF bid to Government is unsuccessful it will form the starting point to seek other sources of external funding.

Stalybridge Town Centre Next Steps

- Continued delivery of the HSHAZ programme with works to the Civic Hall roof being progressed and designs prepared for the Heritage Walk.
- Feasibility work for future uses in vacant buildings on Market Street and the Civic Hall to be completed shortly.
- £80k secured for the Cultural Consortium to fund a programme of activity bringing major benefits to the town.
- Stalybridge Street Fest every second Friday of the month demonstrating demand, appetite and prospects of Stalybridge as a cultural hub.
- £100k secured from TfGM for Stalybridge Interchange Options Study with initial report due by March 2022.

Housing Delivery

- Sixteen Affordable Rent houses with full planning permission, Rydal Walk, Stalybridge, Jigsaw Homes.
- Twenty four Affordable Rent apartments at the Police Station site and 21 at Grosvenor Street, both in Stalybridge, both in the process of seeking amended planning permission to meet the needs of Adult Services clients provided by Great Places HG.
- Seventy units Affordable Rent Retirement Living apartments, Egmont Street Mossley, seeking revised permissions, provided by Johnnie Johnston Housing.

Strategic Property

- Arlies
 - Old mobile demolished.
 - Asbestos removal programme underway.
 - Full rewire planned, once asbestos removal completed.
- Gorse Hall
 - New gas boiler completed.
 - New solar and PV completed.
 - Decarbonisation – Air source heat pump awaiting planning permission.
- Stalyhill Infants
 - Complete re-roofing underway. Completion Nov/Dec (weather dependent).
- Stalyhill Junior
 - Replacement boiler and decarbonisation measures planned for next year.
- Broadbent Fold
 - Roof replacement to start in New Year.

Strategic Property

- Lyndhurst
Glass balustrade replacement.
- Ravensfield
Glass balustrade replacement.
- St John's Dukinfield
Final phase of school expansion – 2 classrooms due to complete Christmas.
- Livingstone Mossley
Re-roofed completely last year.
- Milton St Johns
Lath and plaster ceilings completed.
New secure entrance/remodelling planned 2022.
- Cromwell
Phase 2 of new sixth form completed summer 2021.

Strategic Property

- Chapel, Cemetery Road, Mossley
Declared surplus 29th September 2021.
- Former Mossley Hollins School, Mossley
Offers to be reported to Board November 2021.
- Cheetham Park Building
Marketing commenced – closing date 3rd December 2021.
- Egmont Street Football Changing Rooms, Mossley
Marketing commenced – closing date 3rd December 2021.
- Decarbonisation Project
Loxley House.
Gorse Hall Primary.
Birch Lane Children's Centre.
George Lawton Hall.