

Tameside Registered Provider Collaborative Partnership

Draft Terms of Reference

July 2021

The Tameside Registered Provider Collaboration has been in existence for many years and more recently following changes in the structure of housing delivery and partners across the Borough has been operating on an informal, ad hoc basis.

The development of the Tameside Housing Strategy 2021 to 2025, provides ideal timing and opportunity to review and refresh the partnership working arrangements with all Registered Providers who own, manage, develop stock and provide housing services in the Borough.

The purpose of the refreshed Collaborative Partnership is;

'To improve the housing offer in Tameside by delivering the priorities set out in the Tameside and GM Housing Strategies, through a collaborative approach to deliver place based management of existing stock, the development of new homes to meet a diverse range of needs, investing in communities and neighbourhoods to achieve and enhanced social and economic outcomes.'

It is proposed that all Registered Providers operating in Tameside become members of the Tameside Registered Provider Collaborative Partnership, signing up to the Terms Of Reference and support the Council in delivering the Corporate Plan, through the Housing Strategy.

The full membership would convene on an annual basis, as a minimum, to celebrate the previous year's achievements, review the housing strategy forward plan for delivery to ensure;

- the membership of the operational 'Strategic Collaboration Group' which sits below the Tameside Registered Provider Collaborative Partnership has the appropriate membership bringing relevant skill , knowledge , experience, resource and expertise to meet the delivery requirements of the Strategy, and agree any changes necessary.
- the structure and delivery function of the 'Strategic Collaboration Group', including sub groups/ task and finish working groups, is relevant to ensure priority projects and work programmes can be met.
- the priorities projects and programmes are in line with Housing Strategy keeping to the vision and aims.
- Partners are fully engaged, taking up opportunities to deliver projects and work programmes deriving from the Strategic Collaboration Group.

Proposed Terms of Reference

1. Set the overall vision and direction for collaborative working between Registered Providers, Private Sector and the Council.
2. Support the delivery and achievement of the Tameside Corporate Plan through the Housing Strategy's priorities, objectives and desired outcomes.
3. Collaborate to maximise the delivery of new homes at pace across the Borough, including identification of bid and funding opportunities to create new housing accommodation and service provision, research and support for new models of delivery, unlocking sites, supporting land assembly and through collaborative working, utilise available resources to ensure development opportunities, both revenue and capital, across the borough are brought to fruition.
4. Utilise existing stock to support the Councils allocations process, enter into nomination arrangements for existing and newly developed homes, contributing to rebalancing communities and working to ensure that these homes are truly affordable for local people.
5. The creation of home ownership products that support households into tenures of their choice.
6. Enabling an improved quality private rented sector offer in the borough, bringing empty homes back into use, reducing fuel poverty and creating better managed communities.
7. Develop place-based management solutions that promote community engagement and cohesion, promote financial and digital inclusion, reducing social isolation.
8. Deliver long term social and economic investment and development opportunities which support local people and communities, including tenants and their family members into education, training and employment.
9. Deliver specialist accommodation to meet the needs of the borough's residents promoting a person centred approach.
10. Assisting the prevention of homelessness, through provision of appropriate support, advice and accommodation.
11. Support the Council to build up on and develop an accommodation and service offer enabling older people to remain living in their homes for longer and access to appropriate accommodation to meet need as required.
12. Deliver and promote added value and social value through activities including investment, development, housing provision and services.
13. Support the Council with capital and revenue funding bids to enable delivery of projects and work programmes in the borough. These activities will assist to ensure contribution to the aims and objectives of Tameside's Inclusive Growth Strategy 2021-26 and beyond.
14. Support ambitions for re-purposing the borough's town centres.
15. Support initiatives to assist vulnerable people remain in their own homes e.g. Home Improvement Agency, Handy Person Service

Registered Provider ‘Strategic Collaboration Group’

Tameside Council will have a place on the Strategic Collaboration Group and will be represented on all Sub Groups which flow from the work streams. Representatives will be drawn from Housing Growth, Operations and Neighbourhoods (including Homelessness), Planning, Adult Services, Children’s Services and Strategic Property and other departments including Legal, Policy and Finance as appropriate.

Homes England / CCG/ NHS representation and other Partners supporting capital and revenue programmes will be invited to have a role on the Strategic Collaboration Group.

Registered Providers as members of the Tameside Registered Provider Collaboration Partnership

- leading on Key areas of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan
- Chair Sub groups delivering on key areas of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan
- Registered Providers with a specialism which brings relevant skill , knowledge , experience , resource and expertise

The Chair for the Strategic Collaboration Group will be decided at the initial meeting for a term of 1 year. The election of Chair will be an agenda item for resolution on an annual basis, and any changes will be implemented following the annual meeting of the Tameside Registered Provider Collaboration.

Meeting frequency will be monthly initially to set the work plan and programme, this will be reviewed with the Sub Groups taking on more operational work reporting back to the Strategic Collaboration Group.

The Strategic Collaboration Group is initially expected to run for the life of the strategy and will be reviewed alongside the Housing Strategy.

New members may join the ‘Tameside Registered Provider Collaboration Partnership at any time provided they sign up to the Terms Of Reference which will enable access to the Strategic Collaboration Group.

Sub Groups/ Task and Finish Working Groups

The Strategic Collaboration Group, will establish the sub groups/ task and finish working groups as required.

It is proposed that the following sub groups/ task and finish working groups are established and lead on the following themes;

Supported Housing

- Children’s Services including Leaving Care
- Older People
- Learning Disabilities &Autism

- Mental Health
- Domestic Abuse
- Complex Needs & Other needs

Housing Management/Allocations & Nominations/ Homelessness

- Housing advice all tenures
- Housing letting systems, allocations & nominations
- Homeless Families
- Single Homeless
- Complex needs

Place Making /Regeneration/Town Centres

- Ashton/ Hyde/ Stalybridge/ Droylsden/ Denton
- Empty Property
- PRS / Housing Standards
- Estate based initiatives
- Planning and Health, Safety and Welfare

Growth and Development

- Needs and Demand, Type/ Tenure/ Location
- Asset Management
- Public and Private Sector Land and Property/ Procurement/ Collaboration
- Allocations /Funding and Funding Bids/ 5 year Development Programme
- Section 106 on site and Commuted sums.

Meeting for specific projects related to the sub groups/ task and Finish groups will be facilitated by the relevant Council Directorate/ Department.

Strategic Collaboration Group

- Housing Strategy oversight and review
- Work programme and Implementation plan delivery
- Strategic Leadership

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