

## **SCRUTINY ACTIVITY AND WORK PROGRAMME – 2022 to 2024**

### **PLACE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS SCRUTINY PANEL**

Tameside Scrutiny Panels are required to publish an Annual Work Programme of planned activity. The programme of work will cover a two-year rolling period that is to be reviewed, updated and agreed on an annual basis.

The annual work programme will aim to reflect priority issues across the Council and external partners. Work will continue to improve the flexibility, responsiveness and reporting methods of all scrutiny activity undertaken.

Each year a range of emerging topics and issues may require the attention of Scrutiny. It is therefore important to ensure efforts are best placed to support and influence effective decision-making, with the added focus on improving outcomes for residents and communities.

#### **Scrutiny Activity**

Work has been undertaken to develop a list of topics for consideration. The Annual Work Programme is to be reviewed and signed off at the next meeting of Overview Panel on 25 July 2022.

There is a range of options available to each Scrutiny Panel as to how activity is planned, with a further need to consider timescales and future reporting. The Chair will work closely with panel members in order to determine the best approach for how activity will be undertaken.

Scrutiny activity will continue to adopt a combination of approaches to review service and performance updates, respond to formal consultations, focus reports of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and areas in need of more in-depth review. This includes a responsibility for:

- Research and insight on a particular issue, including desktop reviews
- Review of decisions and recommendations
- Follow-up (from previous review / municipal year)
- Engagement and consultation – to provide responses to pre-decision activity
- Consideration of decisions and reports from the Ombudsman
- Budget updates
- Receive updates on key issues as they arise
- Active monitoring of national and regional policy and substantive variation to service change

Plans remain in place to keep scrutiny members informed on the range of engagement and consultation activity taking place both within the Council and across partners. Where deemed appropriate, the wider development of scrutiny may include project support and service development work undertaken at the request of the Executive as a critical friend.

#### **Remit of the Panel**

The Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel has responsibility for considering policy linked to Tameside's economy, environment, housing and the provision of place-based services within the Council's Place Directorate.

The Panel is also responsible for scrutinising key external partners and relations in Tameside, with the addition of a statutory responsibility, set by legislation, to review and consider local strategic arrangements, partnerships and outcomes specific to the planning and discharge made by responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. For this purpose, Tameside Council and Greater Manchester Police.

Work of this nature will seek to ensure that the Council maintains positive and effective working relationships with partners to create a safer, more supportive and prosperous place for all.

### Past Activity – 2021/22

The table below provides a brief summary Scrutiny activity and oversight undertaken during the 2021/22 municipal year, for information.

<b>Place and External Relations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outcomes from the HMIC inspection of Greater Manchester Police</li><li>• Climate change and improving the local environment</li><li>• Asset management</li><li>• Economic impacts of Covid-19</li><li>• Tameside Cultural Offer and Strategy</li><li>• In-depth review of Homelessness and Housing</li><li>• Digital Offer and Delivery</li><li>• Crime and Disorder update and response to Community Safety Strategy consultation</li><li>• Corporate Performance Scorecard</li><li>• Mid-year and Annual Budget Update</li></ul>

### Annual Work Programme 2022/23

The work programme below captures the input and discussion of panel members in June 2022. The list of topics does not reflect the order in which activity will be selected or undertaken.

The Scrutiny Panel recognises that topics specific to growth, investment and regeneration can be closely linked and best considered in conjunction with others.

<b>Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transport for Greater Manchester – regional strategy and local projects</li><li>• Programme and delivery of growth projects</li><li>• Delivery of environmental and climate change improvements</li><li>• Next steps for town centres and regeneration</li><li>• Investment and Levelling Up</li><li>• Poverty, vulnerability and cost of living crisis</li><li>• Improving the local environment and green space</li><li>• Local Procurement, STAR, contract monitoring</li><li>• The Panel to receive regular updates during the year regarding new and emerging areas</li></ul>
<b>Follow-up on past activity</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital Offer and Delivery</li><li>• Crime and Disorder - Community Safety</li><li>• Asset Management</li><li>• Homelessness and Housing</li></ul>

<b>Additional in-year Monitoring</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget updates – annual and mid-year</li><li>• Feedback and learning from complaints (LGSCO)</li><li>• Performance monitoring against corporate priorities</li></ul>

## Future meetings

The table below shows the dates of future meetings for the 2022/23 municipal year and the topics and monitoring already identified.

<b>Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel</b>				
<b>26 July 2022</b>	<b>20 September 2022</b>	<b>1 November 2022</b>	<b>10 January 2023</b>	<b>7 March 2023</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transport for Greater Manchester</li><li>• Corporate Performance Scorecard - monitoring</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next steps for town centres and regeneration</li><li>• Report: Delivering environmental and climate change projects</li><li>• Mid-year Budget Update</li><li>• Corporate Performance Scorecard - monitoring</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update from the Executive on past recommendations - Housing and Homelessness review</li><li>• Corporate Performance Scorecard - monitoring</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual review of crime and disorder</li><li>• Corporate Performance Scorecard - monitoring</li></ul>