

OVERVIEW PANEL

8 November 2021

Commenced: 14:00

Terminated: 15:00

Present: Councillors Naylor (in the Chair), Boyle, Costello, Glover, Kitchen, Owen, Ryan, Sharif and Warrington

In Attendance: Sandra Stewart Director of Governance and Pensions
Simon Brunet Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Fairfoull, Fitzpatrick and Smith

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview Panel held on the 27 September 2021

16. SCRUTINY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance and Pensions / Assistant Director of Policy, Performance and Communications. The report provided a summary of the work undertaken by the Council's two Scrutiny Panels for September to November 2021.

Members were reminded that they had been provided an update on the activities of the Scrutiny Panels in September at the last meeting of the Overview Panel.

It was reported that on the 2 November 2021 the Place and External Relations Panel met with the Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Employment, Director of Place and Head of Community Safety and Homelessness to receive an update in response to the Scrutiny Desktop review of homelessness and housing. In addition, the Panel received a letter of the Scrutiny Chairs to the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth in response to the mid-year budget update.

It was also reported that on the 4 November 2021 the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Panel met with the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health and the Director of Adult Services to receive an update on current challenges, recent consultations and the future strategic priorities for Adult Services. In addition the Panel received a letter of the Scrutiny Chairs to Executive Member of Finance and Economic Growth on the response to the mid-year budget update.

Members were advised that the Scrutiny Panels received a mid-year budget update at meetings held on 7 and 9 September 2021. The Executive had now received a formal response of the Scrutiny Chairs, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, which captured a range of points and highlighted concerns and specific areas for consideration in supporting the Council's ongoing work in this area.

Members of the Panel discussed the letter of the Scrutiny Chairs and the announcement in the Autumn Budget that Tameside had been awarded close to £20m for restoration and development in Ashton-Under-Lyne. Members of the Panel highlighted that approximately £200m had been removed from the Council's funding since 2010, however, the £20m awarded for redevelopment in

Ashton-Under-Lyne it was welcome and it was hoped Tameside would be equally successful in the next tranche of funding.

RESOLVED

That the Overview Panel note the content of the report and summary of scrutiny activities.

17. CORPORATE PLAN SCORECARD

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance and Pension / Assistant Director of Policy, Performance and Communications. The report provided evidence to demonstrate progress towards achievement of the Corporate Plan and improving the services provided to residents, businesses and key stakeholders within the locality.

The Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence reported that attached at Appendix 1 to the report was the Corporate Plan Outcomes Scorecard, this followed the structure of the Corporate Plan and contained indicators focused on long term outcomes across the plan's priorities. There were also a number of proxy indicators for issues which related to the pandemic, which would take significantly longer to be reflected in the regular long term measures.

Members of the Panel enquired on the metric in the scorecard with the objective of increasing the number of good quality apprenticeships delivered. It was noted that the number delivered had fallen. The Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth explained that Tameside delivered on approximately double the number of apprenticeships that the national average but this used to be three times the national average. It was further explained that apprenticeships were still available to all that sought them.

RESOLVED

That the Panel note the contents of the Scorecard and agree it is reported on a regular basis to the Overview Panel and the two Scrutiny Panels, Place and External Relations and the Integrated Care and Wellbeing to inform their work programme.

18. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

CHAIR