



EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

SERVICE AREA:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S
SUBJECT MATTER:	DEVELOPMENT OF A PRODUCTIVITY PLAN FOR TAMESIDE
DECISION:	That it be DETERMINED that the proposed Productivity Plan is agreed for submission to MHCLG and published on our website
DECISION TAKER(S):	Councillor Gerald Cooney
DESIGNATION OF DECISION TAKER (S):	Executive Leader
DATE OF DECISION:	19 July 2024
REASON FOR DECISION:	In April 2024, the Minister for Local Government asked Local Authorities to produce a Productivity Plan that would enable them to 'understand what is already working well across the whole country, what the common themes are, whether there are any gaps and what more we need to do to unlock future opportunities'. This report contains a proposed draft Plan for consideration to meet that request.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS REJECTED (if any):	Not applicable – a requirement to do.
CONSULTEES:	Assistant Directors Delivery Group Senior Leadership Team
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: (Authorised by Borough Treasurer)	There are no financial implications arising from the report although the underlying issues are creating significant financial changes for councils.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: (Authorised by Borough Solicitor)	Good Governance requires that we respond and engage with this process to support Government for finding solutions to the extreme challenges facing local Government following austerity, covid and cost of living crisis.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST:	None
DISPENSATION GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE ATTACHED:	N/A
ACCESS TO INFORMATION:	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the Report Writer, Tom Hoghton by:  Telephone: 0161 342 3542  E-mail: tom.hoghton@tameside.gov.uk




Signed

Councillor Gerald Cooney - Executive Leader

Dated: 19 July 2024

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REPORTING OFFICER:	Sandra Stewart – Chief Executive
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RECOMMENDATION:	That the report is agreed for submission to MHCLG and published on our website
JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DECISION:	We are required to submit a Productivity Plan at the request of the Minister for Local Government.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS REJECTED (if any):	N/A
CONSULTEES:	Assistant Directors Delivery Group Senior Leadership Team
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 16 April 2024 the Minister for Local Government wrote to all local Authority Chief Executives asking them to produce a 'Productivity Plan' by 19th July 2024 (Appendix 1). The stated aim of these Plans is to help Government:

'understand what is already working well across the whole country, what the common themes are, whether there are any gaps and what more we need to do to unlock future opportunities'.

1.2 We were also invited to *'think broadly and include reference not only to how you run your organisation, but also run the public services you provide and how you provide place leadership'* and to set out *'what we have done in recent years, alongside our current plans, to transform our organisation and services'.*

2. FORMAT

2.1 There was no template provided but it did say it should be around 4 pages in length and, while there was no criteria, the letter did set out four themes and pose a series questions under those themes. The themes are:

- How have you **transformed** the way you design and deliver services to make better use of resources
- How you plan to take advantage of **technology** and make better use of data to improve decision making, service design and use of resources
- Your plans to reduce **wasteful spend** within your organisation and systems
- The **barriers** preventing progress that the Government can help to reduce or remove.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 As set out at the front of the report.