

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW PANEL</b>
<b>Date:</b>	27 July 2020
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sandra Stewart, Director – Governance and Pensions Sarah Dobson, Assistant Director – Policy, Performance and Communications
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY UPDATE</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	To receive for information, a summary of the work undertaken by the Council's two Scrutiny Panels for June and July 2020.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	That Overview Panel is asked to note the content of the report and summary of scrutiny activity. All related documents can be viewed within the appendices.
<b>Links to Corporate Plan:</b>	Scrutiny work programmes are linked to the Council's corporate priorities. Scrutiny activity seeks to support effective decision making and priorities across Tameside.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	The work programmes comprise activity that seeks to check the effective implementation of the Strategic Commission's policies and if appropriate make recommendations to the Executive with regards to development, performance monitoring, outcomes and value for money.
<b>Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)</b>	There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. Any costs incurred by the Scrutiny Panels must be met from existing budgets.
<b>Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)</b>	There are no immediate legal implications arising out of this report.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	Regular updates to Overview Panel provide assurance that scrutiny is progressing with an effective work programme, supporting good decision making and service improvement.
<b>Access to Information:</b>	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Paul Radcliffe, Policy and Strategy Lead by:  Telephone:0161 342 2199  e-mail: <a href="mailto:paul.radcliffe@tameside.gov.uk">paul.radcliffe@tameside.gov.uk</a>

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Update provides a platform for appropriate insight, activity, outcomes and proposals to be relayed. This method of reporting supports the improved responsiveness of scrutiny work and also prevents any delay in the communication of key messages.
- 1.2 The report, by nature, aims to provide members with a general summary of scrutiny activity and proposals. It remains that all reports produced by scrutiny panels as a result of in-depth review will be tabled separately at the earliest opportunity.

## 2. SCRUTINY ACTIVITY

- 2.1 Scrutiny in practice remains mindful of the suitability and appropriateness of timings with regards to the impact and value of planned activity. This includes the selection and order of topics and updates to be received during the year. The annual work programmes and priorities were agreed at the June meetings and this coincides with consultation activity for which a valued response and input can be achieved. The tables below provide a summary and chronology of scrutiny activity.

**Figure 1: Breakdown of activity at the formal Scrutiny Panel meetings**

<b>PLACE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS</b>	
<b>9 June 2020</b>	<b>28 July 2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrutiny Panel agree a list of topics and future priorities for the annual work programme.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Panel to meet Cllr Oliver Ryan, Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth; Cllr Ged Cooney, Executive Member, Housing, Planning and Employment; and Jayne Traverse, Director of Growth, to receive an overview of the impact of Covid-19 and lockdown on the economy, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business and employment support</li> <li>- Safety measures including work places</li> <li>- Impact and challenges going forward</li> <li>- Best steps for medium and long-term</li> </ul> </li> <li>To receive the Panel's formal response to the Council's Safe Streets consultation.</li> </ul>
<b>INTEGRATED CARE AND WELLBEING</b>	
<b>11 June 2020</b>	<b>30 July 2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrutiny Panel agree a list of topics and future priorities for the annual work programme.</li> <li>The Chair confirmed that the fixed Children's Working Group will remain in place for 2020/21. The terms of reference and membership, <b>APPENDIX 1</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Panel to meet Karen James, Chief Executive, Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care and NHS Foundation Trust, to receive an overview of the hospital's response to Covid-19 and plans to bring routine back on stream, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Urgent response to Covid-19</li> <li>- A&amp;E attendances, cancer referrals, routine appointments and surgery, links with primary care</li> <li>- Supporting NHS staff (mental and physical wellbeing)</li> <li>- Impact on BAME communities</li> </ul> </li> <li>To receive the Panel's formal response to the Healthwatch Covid-19 survey.</li> </ul>

### **Consultation and Engagement**

- 2.2 Scrutiny will remain suitably informed of open consultations at a local, regional and national level. The Scrutiny Panels have recently submitted formal responses to the following local consultations. Efforts were made to ensure input and insight was sought from relevant services and partners to inform the submissions.
- Safe Streets in Tameside – 2 July 2020, **APPENDIX 2.**
  - Healthwatch Covid-19 consultation – 8 July 2020, **APPENDIX 3.**

### **Keeping Scrutiny Members Informed**

- 2.3 All Scrutiny Panel members receive a monthly update email, with the purpose of raising awareness to a variety of materials to support their role, provide access to scrutiny resources and the ongoing opportunity for councillors to contribute and share any open consultations and engagement exercises. This will continue to include a wide variety of topic areas for consideration.
- 2.4 The update email also includes links to Greater Manchester Priorities and the work of the Combined Authority Scrutiny Panels. This email provides a further opportunity to inform members how the work of scrutiny is shared and reported within the Council. The most recent update was sent in June 2020, **APPENDIX 4.**

## **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 As set out on the front of the report.

## CHILDREN'S WORKING GROUP – 2020/21

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### RATIONALE

The Children's Working Group is instructed as a fixed sub-group of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel for 2020/21. The group will have a specific remit to consider matters relevant to Children's Services and Education.

Seeking the lived experience and wishes of children and young people about the services they receive must be an active driver for decision-making and service development. The group will look to ensure that there are sufficient and adequate mechanisms in place to encourage participation, with the aim to inform service delivery.

To do this the working group will meet with stakeholders, review existing documentation and assess a range of information and evidence. The group does not make decisions about service provision but will provide comment and recommendations to support services in capturing the views and experiences of children and young people.

#### SCOPE & OBJECTIVES

The scope and objectives of the Children's Working Group are to:

- Create a fixed membership to include elected members from the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel, co-opted young people and co-opted adults.
- Seek to identify and establish a working list of topics for consideration.
- Deliver statutory functions when educational matters are considered.
- Promote 'critical friend' challenge to the improvement process.
- Ensure young people and adults feel safe and able to voice any concerns.
- Encourage broader participation opportunities for young people.
- Review the variety of methods available for residents and young people to communicate their views.
- Ensure that Children's Services continue to use the findings from participation and engagement in strategic and operation improvement, as well as in individual case decisions.
- To encourage participation to a range of local and regional consultations.

#### OVERSIGHT AND REPORTING

The Chair of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny holds responsibility for the oversight and approval of activity undertaken by the Children's Working Group. The working group is to be chaired by the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel.

The Children's Working Group will establish a work pattern whereby every meeting will have set objectives and measured outcomes. Findings and actions from the meeting will be tabled and presented at the next available meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel, for information and sign off. To prevent any delay in reporting, all findings and papers will be shared directly with the Chair of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel prior to submission.

#### STATUTORY ROLES

As part of the Children Act 1989 it is the duty of the authority in its care of children and young people, to listen to and base improvements on the wishes and feelings of children and young people on matters that affect them. A further statutory requirement for the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel is to include co-opted representatives when dealing with educational matters.

## **ACTIVITY**

The Children's Working Group will:

- Ensure that designated groups and networks for children and young people are being listened to and adequately supported to have their voice heard on a strategic level. This includes testing whether individuals and groups are being listened to by the bodies responsible for implementing change.
- Ensure that the voice and lived experiences of young people are acted upon on an individual level. To include examination of how this is evidenced across Children's Services and Educational services.
- Include evidence from external challenge mechanisms and regulators, for example complaints; whistleblowing; Serious Case Reviews; examples of respectful challenge and judicial reviews.
- Benchmark new and innovative ideas for gathering the experience of residents and young people at strategic and operational levels.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the working group is:

- Cllr Teresa Smith (Chair)
- 6 x Councillors from the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel.
- Co-opted young people
- Co-opted adults (parent governors and representatives of Roman Catholic and Church of England faith schools, as set out under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000).

## **MEETINGS**

There will be four fixed meeting dates for the 2020/21 municipal year, to be held on a Thursday with a start time of 6pm and to last no longer than 2 hours. The group will meet in private, as is standard for a scrutiny working group.

The group may hold additional meetings when deemed appropriate for the subject being considered.

## APPENDIX 2

**Councillor Warren Bray**  
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Dear Councillor Gwynne,

### Safe Streets in Tameside

I write on behalf of Tameside Council's Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel. Members have remained suitably informed of the proposals and future measures aimed at primarily supporting residents to maintain responsible social distancing whilst walking, cycling and using public transport throughout the borough.

The Scrutiny Panel seeks to submit a formal response to the Safe Streets consultation. This letter therefore aims to provide a summary of collective discussion points and to express any issues and concerns raised by panel members. I would be extremely grateful if on receiving this letter you are able to take the appropriate action to ensure the collective response is suitably recorded and submitted. It is also hoped that the response can be referenced within future reports and may support wider governance requirements in terms of engagement and feedback used to inform decision making in this area.

In order to address the significant and far-reaching impacts of Covid-19, scrutiny must adapt accordingly to consider appropriate matters with a keen eye on recovery, as well as community and economic resilience. Panel members have received regular feedback from residents and communities based on learning from the impacts, local response and range of challenges the Council is likely to face going forward.

It is pleasing to report that recent feedback has highlighted the positive and proactive response of the Council and partners in providing direct support and signposting to some of our most vulnerable, isolated and 'at risk' residents. Where possible the Council can aim to lead by example in making bold and innovative decisions that enable residents to feel safe and confident to explore social and economic mobility options throughout the easing of lockdown measures and beyond.

For schemes of this nature, the Scrutiny Panel would encourage services to establish and maintain a clear dialogue with communities throughout development stages. This can help to ensure learning from local knowledge is captured and also creates a platform to deliver key messages and targeted information to residents. It is also felt that active listening to what residents say allows for

a set of practical and innovative solutions to remove any barriers to daily life and the ability of individuals to regain social contact, access to employment and leisure.

There is also no doubt that work in this area is closely connected to national and regional initiatives regarding poor air quality and the development of a Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone. An opportunity has also clearly presented itself to build on the Greater Manchester Bee Network at a local level.

Having recently reviewed work priorities and finalised a work programme for 2020/21, the Scrutiny Panel has reached a consensus that the recovery from Covid-19 provides an opportunity to build on a range of initiatives. This includes developing long-term and sustainable projects that seize on the opportunity around walking and cycling.

Members are particularly aware that there is a significant need to raise general awareness and to support behaviour change. I have listed some of the main points below, which are to be viewed as individual responses from members, under the collective of the Council's Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel.

- Panel members are supportive of the positive and proactive steps being taken by the Council to safeguard residents and visitors when walking, cycling and accessing public transport within the borough. The temporary proposals detailed within the consultation aim to build confidence and ensure that safe social distancing measures can be adhered to and maintained.
- The impact of Covid-19 and associated lockdown measures has resulted in an unprecedented reduction in vehicle usage at a local, regional and national level. Whilst this has been a secondary effect in response to the health crisis, feedback has shown that communities have welcomed a reduction in air and noise pollution, traffic and congestion. It is extremely encouraging to see a rise in the number of residents walking and cycling across the borough.
- There is an opportunity for the Council and key stakeholder to build on previous clean air proposals in order to reinforce walking and cycling as a viable and long-term option. It is unlikely that such an opportunity will present itself again in the near future.
- While maintaining a high level of ambition and expectation, a scheme of this nature should be informed by resident feedback and perception. Consideration to review any existing physical and/or psychological barriers that may prevent walking and cycling as an accessible option or alternative (i.e, journeys in excess of a set distance). The importance of key messages that walking, cycling and cars are complementary travel options and not mutually exclusive. A shift from car to bike need not be ideological, but something on which support and advice can be given to encourage residents to take what may be a cautious yet positive first step.
- The Council to work cooperatively with key stakeholders, such as other public sector bodies and local businesses. No organisation should plan to work in isolation. There is an opportunity to build on local solidarity in that this is everyone's problem to solve and a collection of individual changes will have a greater impact on outcomes for all Tameside.
- It is recognised that travel improvements need to support inclusive economic growth.
- It may be that a scheme of this nature could benefit from a public spokesperson or figurehead, similar to that of the Bee Network in order to build traction and to act as a catalyst to promote behaviour change. This may include case studies of how individuals and households have transformed the way they view and access local travel options.
- Resident perception may be that Tameside has what appears to be a relatively fixed network of roads and footpaths available for walking and cycling. Local topography may also create problems when connecting people to places. This requires a detailed level of planning and possibly an online platform to house a comprehensive tool for route options. Future proposals

require an equal amount of attention and consideration across all areas, helping to build assurance that while some plans remain temporary there is a local commitment to create cost effective, long-term and sustainable solutions for our network.

- To review potential challenges associated with the introduction of temporary cycle lanes on the carriageway. Panel members are extremely keen to find viable and long-term solutions that aim to integrate a variety of travel options between a set start and finish point, which may need to connect off road and scenic routes to more integral road infrastructure and pinch points.
- That consideration be given to residents who may have reduced capability or lack confidence to walk or cycle. To explore options with health and leisure partners to develop introductory fitness courses and 'learning to cycle' classes. It may be that future consideration is given to a cycling grant or loan scheme, to be managed at a central level or in conjunction with local businesses encouraging employees to review travel options.
- That where appropriate, the Executive involve scrutiny in future consultation and development stages.

If further clarity is needed on any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Councillor Mike Glover**  
**Chair – Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel**

## APPENDIX 3

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Dear Liz,

### **Healthwatch Tameside Covid-19 Survey**

I write on behalf of Tameside Council's Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel. Members have remained suitably informed of health implications and impacts associated with Covid-19. This includes a range of local measures and decisions aimed to support residents as part of the borough's coordinated response.

The Scrutiny Panel seeks to submit a formal response to the Healthwatch Covid-19 survey. This letter therefore aims to provide a summary of collective discussion points and feedback received from local communities. I would be extremely grateful if on receiving this letter you are able to take the appropriate action to ensure the collective response is suitably recorded and submitted.

Scrutiny of health services at a local level is driven by strong and effective partnerships working together to inform, influence and strengthen decision making and provision. Activity is routinely planned to review information, performance data and substantial development or variation in health services to minimise the impact on patients. There is also an ongoing need to consider how the views and experiences of residents are captured and best used to improve outcomes.

The Scrutiny Panel considers engagement with relevant health services, commissioners and health providers to be a continuous process. In order to address the significant and far-reaching impacts of Covid-19, scrutiny must adapt accordingly to consider appropriate matters with a keen eye on recovery, as well as community resilience.

Work priorities are agreed in line the development of an annual work programme for 2020/21. This will remain under continuous review with activity is to be planned and conducted in a way that is timely, supportive and proportionate. Scrutiny will consider how well partnerships are working; oversee the systems that contribute to smooth effective decision making and bring influence to find positive solutions.

A significant number of Tameside residents have been directly impacted by a range of economic and health inequalities, which have been further exacerbated by Covid-19 and ultimately increase an individual's level of vulnerability. In particular, those linked to long-term respiratory conditions

and diabetes. In addition to the governments shielding programme, a large scale assessment was undertaken to identify 'at risk' residents by using a number of indicators. These included people who may already have been receiving a level of formal or informal support, plus those who had contacted the Council and partners directly to inform of a basic need for food, medication and/or wider support.

When collating feedback from communities it has been important to reflect on some of the local challenges, with attention drawn to the following areas (3 July 2020):

- A total of 1,952 households have been supported with food parcels and 446 with prescriptions. Residents in need of support is reducing on a daily and weekly basis.
- The number of GP appointments made in April 2020 was at its lowest level in 2 years; with an associated reduction in GP referrals.
- A sharp drop in A&E attendances, levels are starting to rise.
- Reporting a proportionately high number of deaths in care homes (44% higher than same period in 2019). Over 80 deaths related to Covid-19.

Panel members have recently submitted feedback and lived experiences from communities based on the impact and response to Covid-19. This has proved timely and coincides well with the Healthwatch survey. I have listed relevant points below which I hope you will find useful for the future planning of healthcare services.

### **Responding to Covid-19**

- The Council's response and speed in which the Humanitarian Hub was established, along with support from volunteers and businesses has been a real accomplishment and something to be proud of.
- The crisis has helped generate a resurgence and increased levels of solidarity and sense of community.
- Positive outcomes and innovations, such as online support groups offering help and advice to residents.

### **Health Systems**

- There are a number of future concerns linked to a range of possible impacts that Covid-19 and lockdown measures will have on the mental health and wellbeing of residents.
- A consensus that assessing and supporting the mental health of residents must remain in place as a future priority for the commissioning of health services. To overlook this would be detrimental to both the health and economic recovery of the borough.
- Concerns were raised with regards to the avoidance of Primary Care, reduction in routine appointments and cancer referrals. It is accepted that while Covid-19 has somewhat alleviated aspects of non-urgent demand, the future pressure on key services due to delayed diagnosis is likely to have significant implications on health outcomes for residents.
- Some work may be required in order to understand the equality impacts of Covid-19. Emerging evidence reported nationally has presented an understandable cause for concern within BAME communities and those undertaking key worker roles. It is also unclear as to how the future assessment of risk for disproportionately affected groups can be planned and delivered at a local level. This includes safety measures for all work places and public transport.
- With a significant number of older and vulnerable residents having been shielded for at least 3 months, there will be a need to consider issues associated with loneliness, social isolation. In addition to any ongoing worries around future access to food and medication should a second phase emerge.

If further clarity is needed on any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Councillor Teresa Smith**  
**Chair – Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel**

### June 2020

Welcome to the June 2020 Scrutiny Update.

The regular updates aim to keep you informed of upcoming activity, including engagement and consultation with regards to local, regional and national decision making. All of the open consultations listed below are available for you to access and complete, with the opportunity to raise greater community awareness and participation where possible. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below.

I hope this is something you will continue to find useful and please let me know if you require any further information.

### **Guidance and Resources on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

- [Covid-19 advice on working safely for employees, employers and businesses](#)
- [Updated figures on the number of Coronavirus cases and risk in the UK](#)
- [How to protect yourself or check if you need medical help](#)
- Guidance on [staying alert and safe \(social distancing\)](#) and for [self-isolation](#)

There is also guidance available on local websites as detailed below:

Tameside Council at <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus> - includes links to service change information, how to volunteer, support for businesses, council tax recovery, mental health support, wellbeing, how to contact the Council for support and more.

NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG at <https://www.tamesideandglossopccg.org/> link on homepage.

Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust at <https://www.tamesidehospital.nhs.uk/> information on homepage

Other things to be aware of include:

- Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commission's (Tameside Council and NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG) [One Equality Scheme Annual Review 2020](#) is now live on both the Council and CCG websites. This was approved by Executive Cabinet and Strategic Commissioning Board at the end of May. Under the terms of the Equality Act 2010, all public bodies are required to publish certain pieces of equality related information. One Equality Scheme ensures that both the Council and CCG fulfil their obligations - particularly to publish one or more specific and measurable equality objectives at no more than four years from the date of first publication. This annual update provides a round-up of how the organisation is meeting its equality objectives over the previous 12 months.
- TfGM has issued advice for those Greater Manchester residents with a disability travelling on public transport in light of the new requirement for wearing face coverings (effective **15 June 2020**). Under the new rules, exemptions will apply to those who have conditions such as breathing difficulties, mental health conditions such as anxiety disorders, impairments that

would make it difficult to use a face covering, and so on. You can find more details on this information [here](#).

- Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership has put together an information booklet comprising of the mental health support and advice available to a range of groups, for example adults, bereavement, gambling addiction older people and carers and so on. This can be found [here](#).

## **10 GM Funding**

A partnership of local support and development agencies in Greater Manchester, have come together to produce a bulletin providing all the information on funding opportunities available for VCF organisations, including how to apply. The opportunities are listed by grounds for support, such as Covid-19, arts, children & young people and so on. You can find the latest bulletin [here](#).

## **Open Consultations**

[\*\*New walking & cycling measures to allow safe social distancing\*\*](#) – The outbreak of Covid-19 has meant we have had to make changes to our lives, including staying apart from loved ones. As social restrictions from government ease, we are also required to make changes to ensure all our residents are kept safe when out and about in Tameside. Changes to roads and pavements are essential to supporting the local economy as people gradually return to work. Having safe routes on foot or by bike are essential, particularly for those who have been unable to work during the height of the lockdown period and are now returning to work. Local residents are invited to have their say on these proposed changes to make a safer borough for everyone. Deadline: **2 July 2020**.

[\*\*COVID-19 survey\*\*](#) – Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have all been asked to 'Stay at Home, Protect the NHS, and Save Lives'. This short survey from Healthwatch Tameside will help them to understand and gather information about what you think could make the situation easier to live with. They want you to say what is working well, as well as what could be improved. Paper copies of this consultation will be made available in due course, and questions can be talked through over the phone to support as many responses as possible. Deadline: **ongoing**.

[\*\*Healthwatch Tameside General Survey 2020\*\*](#) – Healthwatch Tameside is asking local people about their experiences of health and care services. The questionnaire will ask what services respondents have used in the past year, as well as what was good and what could be improved about these services. They will then combine the results from this survey with other information on how well local services are performing to produce a report on the subject. Deadline: **Ongoing**.

[\*\*Healthwatch Tameside young people's health & care survey 2020\*\*](#) - Healthwatch Tameside want to find out what young people think about health and care services they have used during the past 12 months. The questionnaire will ask about which services respondents used in the past year, their views on service quality, and what changes could be made. They will then combine the results from this survey with other information on how well local services are performing to produce a report on the subject. Deadline: **Ongoing**

[\*\*Manchester Pride online consultation\*\*](#) – Manchester Pride is setting out a new three-year vision and as such want to hear from as much of the LGBTQ+ community as possible. They want to know what you want more of, what you want less of, how you want to express yourself, and to better understand the many communities Manchester Pride represents in order to meet their needs. This survey will cover all things Manchester Pride and will be an invaluable tool in helping them to develop all of their programmes to better represent and support the LGBTQ+ community. Deadline **ongoing**.

## **National Engagement and Consultations**

There are currently a number of pieces of work being led by government departments and agencies that you may wish to take part in. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below:

[National Health Data Consent Survey](#) – The CLIMB Project is a Cambridge-based team funded by the UK Medical Research Council working to improve mental and physical care and research using health data. They are conducting a national survey in order to gather patient and public opinion on sharing NHS and HSC (Northern Ireland) health data across the UK. They are seeking your views on issues such as who you would be willing to share your data with, ideas on what a health data consent form might look like, and your current understanding of health data sharing, amongst other issues. Deadline: **30 September 2020**.

[Integrating Care for Trans Adults](#) – This survey is being undertaken by researchers from the Open University, the LGBT Foundation and Yorkshire MESMAC as part of a larger study. In this study we are looking at how different services can work together to support trans people better. These services include gender identity services but could also include GP services, other health services, mental health services and support provided by the voluntary sector. You can participate if you are over 18, if your gender does not correspond with the gender you were assigned at birth and if you currently live in the UK. To find out more, you can visit this link. Deadline: **ongoing**.

All live and past consultations are available for viewing at the [Big Conversation](#) pages on the Council's website.

## **Regional Scrutiny**

The Council appoints representatives to each of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Scrutiny Panels and also scrutiny arrangements for Pennine Care. The links below provide you with access to the most recent meeting papers for each of the panels.

[Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny](#)

[Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview & Scrutiny](#)

[Housing, Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny](#)

## **Scrutiny Resources**

In addition to the past training events, I will look to share any available material with you. This will include any material to support you in your role during the course of the year.

Recent publications:

- [Centre for Public Scrutiny \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Coronavirus: information for councils](#)
- [Councillor's workbook on mentally healthier places](#)
- [Accessing support: the role of the voluntary and community sector during COVID-19](#)
- [Tackling domestic abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)