

## OVERVIEW PANEL

27 July 2020

Commenced: 14:00

Terminated: 14:30

**Present:** Councillors Ricci (Chair), Cartey, Cooper, Fairfoull, J Fitzpatrick, Glover, J Homer, Kitchen and Warrington

**In Attendance:** Steven Pleasant Chief Executive  
Sandra Stewart Director of Governance and Pensions  
Simon Brunet Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors T Smith and R Welsh

### 19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 20. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

**That the minutes of the Overview Panel held on 18 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.**

### 21. SCRUTINY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence, which updated the panel on the work undertaken by the Council's two Scrutiny Panels for the period June and July 2020.

It was reported that both the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel and the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel had two formal meetings in June and July. Members of the Overview Panel were given an outline of the work undertaken by the Panels.

In June the Place and External Relations Panel and the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Panel agreed a list of topics and future priorities for the annual work programme. The Chair of the Integrated care and Wellbeing Panel confirmed that the fixed children's Working group would remain in place for 2020/21.

It was reported that on the 28 July 2020 the Place and External Relations Panel would meet with the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth, the Executive Member for Housing Planning and Employment and the director of Growth. The Panel would receive an overview of the impact of Covid-19 and lockdown on the economy. Further, the Panel would receive a formal response to the Council's Safe Streets consultation.

The Integrated Care and Wellbeing Panel on the 30 July 2020 would meet with the Chief Executive of Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care and NHS Foundation Trust to receive and overview of the hospital's response to Covid-19 and plans to bring routing back on stream. The Panel would also receive a formal response to the Healthwatch Covid-19 survey,

The Scrutiny Panels had recently submitted formal responses to the local consultations Safe Streets in Tameside and Healthwatch Covid-19. Efforts were made to ensure input and insight was sought from relevant services and partners to inform the submissions.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the report be noted.**

### **22. SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMMES**

Consideration as given to a report of the Assistant Director of Policy Performance and Communications, which outlined the programmes and planned activities of the Scrutiny Panels.

The annual work programmes had been developed to reflect priority issues across the Council, Strategic Commission and external partners. Work would continue to improve the flexibility, responsiveness and reporting methods of all scrutiny activity undertaken during 2020/21. Discussion from the panel meetings held in June 2020 had directly informed the list of topics and planned updates 'check and challenge', for the year ahead

Guidance published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) was aimed at managing some of the challenges associated with undertaking effective scrutiny during COVID-19. In order to address the significant and far-reaching impacts, scrutiny would need to adapt accordingly to consider appropriate matters with a keen eye on recovery, as well as community and economic resilience.

Work priorities would remain under continuous review throughout this period and Councillors were encouraged to plan and conduct activity in a way that was timely, supportive and proportionate. Scrutiny would consider how well partnerships were working; oversee the systems that would contribute to smooth effective decision making and bring influence to find positive solutions.

It was reported that in June 2020 all Scrutiny Panel Members were provided with the opportunity to comment and contribute to the list of topics to be included in the work programmes. Members were asked by the chairs of both Scrutiny Panels to provide feedback on lived experiences come communities related to Covid-19. Feedback had been collated and presented in a separate report to the Executive.

With regards to planned activity each Panel agreed the topics to be considered during the first part of the municipal year. The Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel would consider the Impact of Covid-19 and the lockdown on the economy and the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel would consider the hospital response to Covid-19 and plans to bring routing back on stream. Members received a detailed outline of the Annual Work Programme from 2020-2022 for the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel and Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel. The Future considerations and Cross Panel areas were highlighted.

It was agreed at the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel meeting on 11 June 2020 that the fixed Children's Working Group will remain in place for 2020/21. The group will include co-opted young people and adults

## **RESOLVED**

**That the content of the work programmes and planned activity of the Scrutiny Panels be noted.**

### **23. SCRUTINY - FEEDBACK AND LEARNING FROM COMMUNITIES ON COVID-19**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance and Pensions / Assistant Director for Policy, Performance and Communications, which provided a summary of feedback from scrutiny Panel Members based on lived experience and learning from individuals and communities across Tameside.

It was explained that the summary of information and data in the report was aimed to provide a collective and clear picture on areas of future concern, which would allow for a level of comparison to be made when taking into account:

- Health inequalities and the future demand on services
- Access to future employment and associated rise in the local claimant level
- Delivering safe environments for residents to work and travel
- Equality impacts and the mitigation of risk for outcomes associated with Covid-19

A number of statistics and local challenges which prompted the work were outlined to Members. It was highlighted that at the end of May 2020 27,700 residents had been reported as furloughed - 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in GM.

The Head of Policy Performance summarised the feedback and learning from communities. This included the areas responding to Covid-19, Health Systems, Economy, Children and Families, Vulnerabilities and Future Considerations.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the Overview Panel note the content of the report and feedback from communities detailed in section 3.**
- (ii) That the feedback be shared with the Council's Executive for information and to inform future strategy and service delivery where necessary.**

#### **24. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

**CHAIR**