

## **SCRUTINY ACTIVITY AND WORK PROGRAMME – 2021/22 & 2022/23**

### **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, Strategic Commission 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 in Tameside**

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 26 July 2021.

There is a range of options available to each Scrutiny Panel as to how activity is planned and undertaken, 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
- 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.

<b>Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel</b>
• Economic impact of Covid-19 – local response (immediate and medium term).
• Cultural Offer – museums, galleries, arts, events and heritage.
• Environment / climate change
• Major investments, asset management, emerging developments and regeneration
• Homelessness and temporary accommodation
• Digital offer and delivery
• Waste and recycling – next steps
• Next steps for town centres
• Local Procurement / STAR
• The Panel to receive regular updates during the year regarding new and emerging areas

<b>Follow-up on past activity</b>
• Private rented sector / GM Good Landlord Scheme
• Community Safety Strategy / HMIC report on GMP
• Inclusive Growth projects
• Active Travel

<b>Cross Panel</b>
• Continued monitoring of Covid-19 recovery
• Poverty and welfare support
• Budget updates – annual and mid-year
• Feedback and learning from complaints (LGSCO)
• Performance monitoring against corporate priorities