

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW PANEL</b>
<b>Date:</b>	25 July 2022
<b>Scrutiny Chair / Reporting Officer:</b>	<p>Councillor Tafheen Sharif – Chair of Children’s Services Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Councillor Naila Sharif – Chair of Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Councillor Yvonne Cartey – Chair of Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Sarah Threlfall – Director of Transformation</p>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMMES</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	To receive for information, the annual work programmes of the Council’s three Scrutiny Panels.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	That Overview Panel note the content of work programmes and planned activity of the Scrutiny Panels.
<b>Links to Corporate Plan:</b>	Topics included within the work programmes remain linked to the Council’s corporate priorities. Scrutiny activity seeks to support effective decision-making and to improve outcomes for residents and service users.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	The work programmes comprise activity that seeks to check the effective implementation of council 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 Section 151 Officer)</b>	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any changes to policy or service delivery arising from scrutiny work programmes will need to be accommodated within existing budgets or subject to a separate report.
<b>Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)</b>	<p>The role of the scrutiny panels is a requirement under the Local Government Act 2000 requires councils to have scrutiny panels as set out in part 4(g) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Constitution.</p> <p>The intention behind the panels to ensure that there is balance to the executive structure as reinforced in the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>The aim of the programme of works as set out in this report is to enable the panels to undertake this function.</p>
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Scrutiny Panels will be informed of the progress in implementing the work programmes.
<b>Access to Information:</b>	<p>The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Paul Radcliffe, Policy and Strategy Lead by:</p> <p> Telephone:0161 342 2199</p> <p> e-mail: paul.radcliffe@tameside.gov.uk</p>

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Tameside Scrutiny Panels are required to publish an Annual Work Programme of planned activity for the municipal year ahead. The programme of work will cover a two-year rolling period to be reviewed, updated and agreed on an annual basis.
- 1.2 Scrutiny activity aims to reflect priority issues across the Council and external partners. Work will continue to improve the flexibility, responsiveness and reporting methods of all scrutiny activity undertaken during 2022/23. Discussion from work programme sessions held in June 2022 has directly informed the list of topics and planned updates 'check and challenge', for the year ahead.
- 1.3 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 a focus on improving outcomes for residents and communities.

### **Scrutiny activity in Tameside**

- 1.4 There is a range of options available to each Scrutiny Panel as to how activity is planned and undertaken. Scrutiny Chairs will work closely with panel members in order 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 / recommendations)
  - Engagement and consultation – to provide responses to pre-decision activity
  - Consideration of decisions and reports of the Ombudsman
  - Receive updates on key issues as they arise
  - Active monitoring of national and regional policy and substantive variation to services
- 1.5 Scrutiny in practice will be mindful of the suitability and appropriateness of timings, with regard to the impact and value of planned activity. This includes the selection and order of topics and updates during the year. The work programme is ambitious and it is not expectation that all topics will be covered during the year, but more an agreed list from which to select work items.
- 1.6 In addition to the work programme, all panel members will continue to receive a monthly update email to inform of upcoming activity, access to scrutiny resources, engagement and consultation with regard to local, regional and national decision-making. This provides a direct opportunity for scrutiny members to contribute and respond to the range of activity taking place both within the Council and across partners.

## **2. WORK PROGRAMMES**

- 2.1 Each Scrutiny Panel held a work programme session in June 2022, with all members provided with the opportunity to attend, comment and contribute to the list topics included in the annual work programmes.
- 2.2 Scrutiny activity will continue to be undertaken outside of the formal meetings and through working groups, with all findings and recommendations presented to the full panel for comment and approval. This flexibility can allow responsive and timely work to be undertaken, creating an enhanced opportunity to both influence and inform the impact of decisions. It is also necessary to monitor and evaluate outcomes from past activity and to review the implementation of recommendations.

2.3 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.

**Planned activity**

2.4 In order to prevent delay, Scrutiny Panels have agreed the topics to be considered at the next round of public meetings in July, as detailed below.

**Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel – 26 July 2022**

- Transport for Greater Manchester – delivery plans and supporting local issues (Invitation to the Executive Member for Planning, Transport and Connectivity)

**Children’s Services Scrutiny Panel – 27 July 2022**

- Scene setting regarding children’s social care and review of the improvement plan (Invitation to the Deputy Executive Leader – Children and Families)

**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel – 28 July 2022**

- Adult Social Care White Paper and implications for Tameside (Invitation to the Executive Member for Adult Services)

2.5 The Scrutiny Panels will carry out in-depth activity and reviews through working groups, for which Scrutiny Chairs will aim to ensure that two reviews are running concurrently for each panel with topics selected from the annual work programme.

2.6 On occasion a topic may require the attention of both scrutiny panels in order to examine a range of impacts. At such a time, a decision will be made to assign a lead panel based on both remit and the subject matter. All aspects of activity will be made available to panel members to consider and respond.

**3. SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMMES – 2022 to 2024**

3.1 The work programmes below capture the input and discussion of panel members from June 2022. The list of topics does not reflect the order in which activity will be selected or undertaken.

**Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel**

3.2 The Scrutiny Panel recognises that topics specific to growth, investment and regeneration may be closely linked and best considered in conjunction with others.

<b>Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel</b>
• Transport for Greater Manchester – regional strategy and local projects
• Programme and delivery of growth projects
• Delivery of environmental and climate change improvements
• Next steps for town centres and regeneration
• Investment and Levelling Up
• Poverty, vulnerability and cost of living crisis
• Improving the local environment and green space
• Local Procurement, STAR, contract monitoring
• The Panel to receive regular updates during the year regarding new and emerging areas
<b>Follow-up on past activity</b>
• Digital Offer and Delivery
• Crime and Disorder - Community Safety
• Asset Management
• Homelessness and Housing

### Children's Services Scrutiny Panel

- 3.3 The Scrutiny Panel will undertake core assurance activity across improvement activity, to include:
- Children's Social Care – Self Evaluation Framework (SEF)
  - Improvement Plan
  - Safeguarding Partnership
  - Ofsted activity and reports

<b>Children's Services Scrutiny Panel</b>
<p><b>Areas of primary focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Social Care               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improvement progress / challenges / benchmarking with 'Good' authorities in GM</li> <li>- Ofsted monitoring and self-evaluation</li> <li>- Safeguarding and child protection – including risk to exploitation / missing children</li> <li>- Transition services - support for care leavers</li> <li>- Placements and accommodation</li> <li>- Fostering and adoption</li> <li>- Health services for cared for children</li> <li>- Voice of the child in practice</li> <li>- Practice standards in social care - Signs of Safety</li> <li>- Access to support / working with parents and families to reduce risk and to prevent statutory intervention</li> <li>- Workforce stability – including recruitment and retention</li> <li>- Partnerships and effectiveness of multi-agency arrangements</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Education SEND inspection - next steps and progress against Ofsted key findings</li> </ul> <p><b>Other areas of focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Services for children and young people – including mental health support in schools</li> <li>• Schools White Paper – implications for Tameside / education investment areas</li> <li>• Provision of Youth Services and activities for young people – wider impact on outcomes</li> <li>• Youth unemployment</li> <li>• The Panel to receive regular updates during the year regarding new and emerging areas</li> </ul>

### Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

- 3.4 The Scrutiny Panel will undertake core assurance activity, to include:
- Tameside & Glossop NHS Integrated Care Foundation Trust
  - NHS GM Integrated Care (incl. General Practice)
  - Pennine Care NHS Mental Health Foundation Trust

<b>Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Social Care Reform White Paper implementation</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tameside carers</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next steps for health integration – GMICS               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tameside progress to date, performance and opportunity for local flexibility</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health outcomes and inequality               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- population health prevention programmes, commissioning priorities and delivery</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tameside &amp; Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health system recovery and pressures (including workforce)</li> <li>- Community healthcare</li> <li>- Admission avoidance and discharge (including social care)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ongoing impacts of Covid 19 - access to health care, presentations and waiting lists               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Primary and secondary care</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Health services – across health and social care</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning disability services – journey, support and outcomes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Panel to receive regular updates during the year regarding new and emerging areas</li> </ul>

<b>Follow-up on past activity</b>
• Mental Health (Access and Crisis)
• Domestic Abuse

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**In-year monitoring**

- 3.5 Each Scrutiny Panel will plan and undertake additional oversight and in-year monitoring, to include the following activity

<b>Additional in-year monitoring</b>
• Budget updates – annual and mid-year
• Feedback and learning from complaints (LGSCO)
• Performance monitoring against corporate priorities

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**4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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