



## Partnership Engagement Network Newsletter

May 2023

Our regular updates keep you informed of upcoming engagement activity, including PEN events and consultations, across Tameside which may be of interest to you.

We want to invite as many people as possible from across Tameside to join PEN. If you know others who would be interested in receiving updates, please encourage them to register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/penandbigconversation>

### Upcoming Events

#### PEN Event

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

We are excited to let you know that our next PEN event is on **Wednesday 7th June, 6:00pm-8:00pm**.

It is an excellent opportunity to hear about and give your views on:

- The regeneration of Ashton and Hyde town centres
- Anti-social behaviour

The event will be hybrid, so you can come along in person or attend from home. It will be held at Dukinfield Town Hall.

We are excited to invite you to come along in person or attend from home to hear about and have your say on topics of importance in Tameside.

To register, please click [here](#).

### Consultations and Surveys

#### *Local*

- **Cost of Living Survey**  
Deadline: 19/05/2023

Action Together and Healthwatch Tameside are gathering information on the way that the cost-of-living crisis is impacting local people's health and wellbeing, and we are asking for your help. We are already working hard to share the insight we hear. We hope that this research will help system partners understand the impact that the cost-of-living crisis is having on the health and wellbeing of our residents and support us to work better together to improve the situation people are finding themselves in.

#### **Who is it for?**



Anyone who lives in Tameside. We are trying to use our relationships to get to all of our communities to make this a powerful piece of insight.

### **Why bother?**

Poverty is a lonely and isolating situation. We want to show that this isn't affecting a few people, it is real, it is hard and it has a long term impact on how people are living their lives here. Without the data, we can't fight for better support.

- **Healthwatch Care and Experiences Survey**

Deadline: Ongoing

This survey asks about your use of any health and care services. This could be GPs, hospitals, NHS dentists, pharmacies, ambulance services, social care, and so on.

Please help us by telling us about any services you have used recently.

What went well? What could be improved?

To fill in the survey, please click [here](#).

### *Regional*

- **Do you rent a home in Greater Manchester?**

Deadline: 30/06/23

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) are working with DJS Research, an independent research agency, to carry out a survey with residents to understand their experiences of renting a home in the private sector.

This means - tenants who rent from a private landlord, such as a private individual, either directly or through a letting agent, or via a private company such as your employer or provider of student accommodation (rather than the council or a housing association). The findings from the survey will be used by GMCA and the ten local authorities to develop policies to improve standards in the private rented sector.

To complete the survey, click [here](#). The survey will take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

- **Business Travel Survey**

Deadline: 11/08/23

Greater Manchester is working towards an ambitious target for becoming carbon neutral by 2038, and transport plays a significant role in reaching this. Greater Manchester's



transport and travel priorities aim to provide an environmentally sustainable network which is accessible, affordable and easy to use, and that supports long-term economic growth and access to opportunity for all. You can read more here: [greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/transport-and-travel/](https://greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/transport-and-travel/)

The Bee Network is Greater Manchester's vision for an integrated, London-style transport system which will join together buses, trams, rail as well as active travel - walking, cycling and wheeling. It is important that local businesses operating in GM have the ability to influence how the Bee Network works for their business and their workforce. You can find out more about the Bee Network here: [tfgm.com/destination-bee-network](https://tfgm.com/destination-bee-network)

This survey from Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is to understand how businesses feel about the current public transport and active travel network in Greater Manchester, and what would encourage them to take up sustainable ways of traveling for their employees and business operations.

To complete the survey, please click [here](#). It takes approximately 5 minutes to complete.

### *National*

- **\*NEW\* Exchange of sexual relations for accommodation ('sex for rent')**

Deadline: 30/06/23

'Sex for rent' is an arrangement where someone offers or provides accommodation for free or at a discount in exchange for sexual relations with the person using the accommodation.

This public consultation invites views on the issue of sex for rent, the effectiveness of existing legislation and whether there is a case for a bespoke criminal offence.

The consultation seeks the views of those who have been involved in a sex for rent arrangement, whether they entered into it in an informed and consensual way or were deceived, coerced or compelled.

To complete the consultation and for more information, please click [here](#).

- **\*NEW\* Regulator of Social Housing – equality objectives**

Deadline: 30/06/23

The Regulator of Social Housing published its first set of equality objectives in July 2020, following a consultation. Those objectives focussed on the point at which it interacts with tenants and the public; how it communicates; and its organisational culture.



It is proposing three new equality objectives which focus on the robustness and quality of equality data in the sector; how it communicates; and the culture of its organisation.

Private registered providers, local authority registered providers, tenants, lenders and other interested stakeholders are invited to give feedback on whether they think the proposed objectives meet the RSH's obligations under the Equality Act, and if appropriate activity has been identified to help achieve the overall objective.

To complete the consultation and for more information, please click [here](#).

- **\*NEW\* Help to Save Reform**

Deadline: 22/06/23

The Help to Save scheme offers working people on low incomes in receipt of certain benefits 4-year savings accounts with a 50% government bonus where they can save a maximum of £50 a month. At Spring Budget the government announced that the Help to Save scheme (originally due to close to new accounts in September 2023) will be extended by 18-months, on its current terms, until April 2025 and that it would consult on reforms to the scheme. This consultation paper will be seeking views from stakeholders on how the scheme could be reformed and simplified to ensure it: has longevity as a key savings product for working people on low incomes; encourages take-up in the target group; and provides the best value for taxpayers.

To complete the consultation and for more information, please click [here](#).

- **Community safety partnerships review and anti-social behaviour powers**

Deadline: 22/05/23

On 27 March 2023 the government launched the Anti-social behaviour Action Plan which focuses on making communities safer and sets out the government response to tackle antisocial behaviour robustly. This consultation forms part of the Anti-social behaviour Action Plan. In addressing community safety partnerships (CSPs), this consultation forms part one of the CSP review, which was announced in 2022 following the conclusion of part two of the police and crime commissioner (PCC) review.

The purpose of the consultation is to:

- seek views on the relationship between CSPs and PCCs, with the aim of enhancing the accountability model of CSPs
- consider how CSPs and PCCs work together to tackle antisocial behaviour, with the aim of strengthening this co-operative working.



This consultation considers the expansion of antisocial behaviour powers, and whether amendments are required to ensure they are being used effectively.

To complete the consultation and for more information, please click [here](#).

### **Grant Funding for VCSE Organisations**

- For funding opportunities, please visit Action Together's funding directory: [Find Funding | Action Together](#)