



Partnership Engagement Network Newsletter

December 2022

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 Conference

Wednesday 15th February 2023

Our next PEN Conference has been confirmed for **Wednesday 15th February 2023, 6:30pm-8:30pm**. This will be a hybrid event, so you can attend in person or virtually. It will be our first conference to occur in the evening.

The venue and agenda will be confirmed and an invite will be sent out in due course.

Consultations and Surveys

Local

- ***NEW* Tameside Council Budget Conversation 2023-24**

Deadline: 20/01/2023

We understand that everyone is dealing with a very concerning rise in the cost of living. But the impact of rising inflation is also presenting the Council with significant financial challenges. We would like to hear your views on what our spending priorities should be and your thoughts on how we can save money to help us set our budget for 2023/24.

Prior to 1 July 2022, Tameside Council and NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) together formed the Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission. On 1 July 2022, Integrated Care Boards (ICB) replaced CCGs. For Tameside registered patients, responsibilities transferred to the Greater Manchester ICB, while commissioning responsibility for patients in Glossop transferred to Derby & Derbyshire ICB, resulting in an alignment of healthcare commissioning footprints to those of the Local Authority. The Council continues to work closely with the ICB, but for the purpose of this consultation, the focus is on Council budgets only.



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

- ***NEW* Homelessness – Private Rented Sector Offer Policy**

Deadline: 16/01/2023

Tameside Council is consulting members of the public, key stakeholders and homelessness partners on the above draft policy, which aims to increase the range of suitable accommodation that can be used to discharge the main housing duty.

This draft policy would provide Tameside Council with the additional option of discharging the main homelessness duty towards a household by the offer of a suitable Private Rented Sector accommodation, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

Currently, Tameside Council can only discharge its duty to those in temporary accommodation by offering them a tenancy with a registered social landlord. This limits the number of available properties and results in many households and individuals remaining in temporary accommodation for extended periods of time.

It is anticipated that the introduction of this additional policy will result in a greater choice of appropriate properties for those people in temporary accommodation, and better opportunities for the Council to place households and individuals in more appropriate accommodation within a shorter timeframe.

This consultation will run until 16 January 2023. [Further information about the Private Rented Sector Offer policy can be found here](#)

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

- ***NEW* Bee Network Walking and Cycling Schemes**

Deadline: 14/01/23

Tameside residents are invited to have their say on plans to improve walking and cycling routes as part of the Greater Manchester Bee Network.

A consultation is underway on three schemes – Stamford Drive to Granville Street (Stalybridge and Ashton), Clarendon Road (Audenshaw) and Rayner Lane (Droylsden and Audenshaw).

The proposed schemes have been designed to improve walking and cycling connections to give people more opportunities to choose active travel for their day-to-day journeys. Walking and cycling are not only better for both physical and mental health,



helping people keep fit and active, they are also better for the environment by reducing congestion and improving air quality, and can help people save money when travelling, especially during the cost-of-living crisis.

The consultation has been launched to give residents an opportunity to help improve the schemes and their neighbourhood.

For the scheme at Clarendon Road (Audenshaw), please visit: [Clarendon Road, Audenshaw \(tameside.gov.uk\)](#)

For the scheme at Stamford Drive to Granville Street (Stalybridge and Ashton), please visit: [Stamford Drive, Stalybridge \(tameside.gov.uk\)](#)

For the scheme at Rayner Lane (Droylsden and Audenshaw), please visit: [Rayner Lane, Droylsden and Audenshaw \(tameside.gov.uk\)](#)

- ***NEW* Let's Talk About Hyde!**

Deadline: 03/01/23

Hemingway Design and GL Hearn have been officially appointed to lead the development of an exciting new vision, masterplan and strategy for Hyde town centre so that we will be in a position to make bids for funding to implement our ambitions for the Town.

Bringing with them expertise and a proven track record in urban design and developing successful and innovative visions and masterplans and a strong track record of proposals being delivered for other towns across the UK they will provide a welcome boost to our ambition to regenerate Hyde town centre.

The team are starting their fact finding journey by opening with a survey to gain views, perceptions and a wish list for what local residents, communities and stakeholders from Hyde and across the borough, really want and need from the town centre. These views will kick start the process and will be followed with a further public consultation exercise in early 2023 when masterplan options have been developed.

The survey will be open until Tuesday 3 January 2023, to give your views, go to www.thinkhydetowncentre.co.uk and complete the short survey.

- **Healthwatch Mental Health Survey**

Deadline: 31/12/22

Have you needed support for your mental health in the last 12 months? Or are you a carer of someone who has?



In 2017, Healthwatch Tameside completed a project about people's experiences of using mental health services. A number of changes have been made to services since then. This includes new services being launched.

Healthwatch are carrying out another survey to find out whether feedback about mental health support has improved. This includes services for dementia, autism, learning disabilities and dependency issues. Healthwatch are interested in all services, whether NHS or community/charity services, and are looking at how all the options available come together to provide an overall service.

Healthwatch are careful not to identify anyone in our reports.

How to complete the anonymous survey:

Online at: www.healthwatchtameside.co.uk/share-your-views

Ring Healthwatch on **0161 667 2526** for a paper copy, or for us to call you back and complete over the phone. They have an answerphone.

- **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

- **Greater Manchester Information Strategy – Delivery Plan Consultation**

Deadline: 13/01/23

Information is part of everyone's lives - it affects the choices we make, the actions we take, and the opportunities we seize. But to make the right choices, take the right actions, and seize the best opportunities, we need to trust information. We need to trust how it is managed, when and why it is shared, and what it is used for.

That is why, in January 2022, the first ever Greater Manchester Information Strategy was launched. The vision is:



“We will create a better information ecosystem that realises the full potential of information; manages, shares, and uses information responsibly; helps to tackle our most serious challenges; and supports Greater Manchester’s wider ambitions.”

Now we need to turn that vision into reality.

GMCA are developing a delivery plan for Greater Manchester. This will set out what Greater Manchester needs to do to achieve this vision and Missions within the Strategy.

This consultation aims to gather the views of GM’s people, communities, and businesses on what actions need to be taken to create a better information ecosystem. What does GM need to do to fix the foundations of our information ecosystem, and seize the opportunities to use information better, to improve lives and encourage growth?

Why your views matter

It is important that the Information Strategy Delivery Plan is based on the views of the people, communities, and businesses of Greater Manchester.

Trust is a central pillar of a good information ecosystem. It is also the central pillar of a good delivery plan.

In the spirit of gaining and maintaining trust, we want to understand what people, communities, and business think should be done in Greater Manchester, to improve the management, sharing, and use of information. Whether your views are on trust, ethics and responsibility, information security and management, personal rights, transparency and open data, governance, skills, or anything associated with information sharing, management, and use - we want to hear from you.

We request that you do not provide personal information in your consultation responses. There are some questions we ask around diversity and inclusion, to ensure we are engaging with a diverse range of people and communities across Greater Manchester. These questions are entirely voluntary - you do not need to answer them for the consultation to be submitted. We only ask that you identify you are over 13 years old - we will delete any responses from those 13 and under.

To complete the consultation, please click [here](#).

National

- ***NEW* The Building Safety Levy: Consultation**
Deadline: 07/02/23

This consultation seeks views on the design and implementation of the Building Safety



Levy. The Levy will be paid by developers and charged on new residential buildings requiring building control approval in England, for the purpose of meeting building safety expenditure.

The levy was announced in February 2021 and will ensure the taxpayer and leaseholders do not pay for the necessary remediation of building safety defects.

The consultation covers the following areas:

- Overview and update
- Exclusions
- Supportive measures
- Impact on industry
- Sanctions and incentives
- Appeals

To complete the consultation and view the Building Safety Levy document, please click [here](#).

- ***NEW* Veterans' Survey**

Deadline: 02/02/23

The Office for Veterans' Affairs (OVA) and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) are carrying out this important survey. It covers a range of topics related to the circumstances and lifestyles of people who have left the UK Armed Forces. These people are commonly known as veterans.

The UK Government wants to make the UK the best place for veterans to live by 2028. Change has already started. For the first time, the Census counted UK Armed Forces veterans. We need to find out more.

By taking part in this survey, you will help us to produce statistics about the lives of the UK Armed Forces community, veterans, and their families. Government departments, public bodies and charities will use the anonymous findings from this survey to make plans.

This is your unique opportunity to tell us about your experiences. Your responses will provide information not available from any other sources. Do not miss your chance to have your say.

To complete the survey, please click here: [Veterans' Survey - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

- ***NEW* Introducing Regulations for Supported Accommodation Provision**

Deadline: 16/01/23



The number of children currently in unregulated settings has increased from 2,900 in 2009 to 6,050 in 2021.

We want to ensure these placements are good quality and that young people get the support they need in these settings as they develop their independence in preparation for adult life and leaving the care system.

This consultation invites views on:

- new mandatory quality standards for providers of supported accommodation
- the new administrative requirements on providers
- how Ofsted registration, inspection and enforcement will work in practice to ensure provider accountability

The regulations will come into effect from spring 2023.

To fill in this consultation, please visit: [Introducing regulations for supported accommodation provision - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-regulations-for-supported-accommodation-provision)

A version of this survey for children and young people with experience of care can be found here: [Introducing new rules for supported accommodation providers: children and young people with experience of care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-new-rules-for-supported-accommodation-providers-children-and-young-people-with-experience-of-care)

- ***NEW* Hewitt Review: Governance of Integrated Care Systems**
Deadline: 09/01/23

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has appointed the Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt to consider the oversight and governance of integrated care systems (ICSs). The review will consider how the oversight and governance of ICSs can best enable them to succeed, balancing greater autonomy and robust accountability. It will have a particular focus on real time data shared digitally with the Department of Health and Social Care, and on the availability and use of data across the health and care system for transparency and improvement.

We are therefore launching a call for evidence to gather views from across the health and social care system, as well as from patients, the public, and the wider voluntary sector.

More information and the survey can be found here: [Hewitt review: call for evidence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hewitt-review-call-for-evidence)

- ***NEW* Implementing the Nationality and Borders Act 2022: Amendments to Tribunal Fees**
Deadline: 04/01/23



The implementation of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 will introduce new forms of appeal routes in the Immigration and Asylum Chambers of the First-tier and Upper Tribunal.

To support these new changes, this consultation proposes making 2 minor reforms to the tribunal fees structure that operates in the IAC. These changes are to:

- introduce a fee exemption for the accelerated detained appeals (ADA) process; and
- introduce identical appeal fees in the Upper Tribunal as in the First-tier Tribunal, so that the same fee is payable by those who have an expedited appeal in the Upper Tribunal

The consultation also considers what fees should be payable for age assessment appeals. It proposes that the fees that are currently payable for immigration and asylum matters in the First-tier Tribunal should also apply to this new appeal type.

To complete the consultation, please click [here](#).

Grant Funding for VCSE Organisations

- **Foundational Economy Innovation Fund**

Have you got a great idea to improve your business or organisation?

We can help provide the funding, expertise and support to make it happen, linking you with other likeminded innovators in a growing community across Greater Manchester.

What's on offer?

£10,000 grants for 40 projects, plus expert support, to test innovations and ideas in phase 1;

£60,000 grants for 10 projects, plus expert support, to develop the best ideas from phase 1

Who is it for?

The Foundational Economy Innovation Fund is for the “foundational economy”. That’s the “everyday economy”, or the “essential economy” – the businesses we all rely on for our daily needs.

We’re starting with four sectors:

- adult social care
- early education and childcare



- retail
- hospitality, leisure and tourism

The fund is for you, if you:

- own or run a business, social enterprise or cooperative in these sectors
- support or represent a cluster of businesses in one of these sectors
- can provide technology and / or innovative solutions or new ideas that could be used in one of these sectors

What will the fund support?

Keeping it local by helping to grow and strengthen local and sustainable supply chains in Greater Manchester

Greener, cheaper and more resilient through reducing or managing energy consumption and costs for businesses, helping to decrease carbon emissions

New ways of working that help create or integrate new ways of delivering a high-quality service for both workers and customers, including the adoption or development of technology

Supporting the workforce to help with the recruitment and retention of staff and develop their careers, such as new ways of delivering in work training, upskilling the workforce, and engaging with freelancers and the self-employed

Get in touch

You don't need to have a detailed idea worked up at this stage and we're not going to make you do a long and bureaucratic application. Get in touch in the first place for a chat. We'll work through your idea and give some advice when you express an interest.

For more information and to express interest, please visit: [Foundational Economy Innovation Fund - Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

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