



Partnership Engagement Network Newsletter September 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

February 2023

Date, venue, and agenda to be confirmed.

Consultations and Surveys

Local

- ***NEW* Tameside Council Equalities Strategy 2023-2027 Consultation**
Deadline: 14/11/2022, 11:59pm

The cost of living crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic have made life very challenging to a lot of our residents in Tameside.

At Tameside Council, we cannot stand idly by. We are firmly committed to tackling inequalities and improving the livelihoods of all residents regardless of background, especially the most vulnerable.

This draft Equalities Strategy presents our approach to embed an ethos throughout our organisation to tackling inequalities, so that we are better able to tackle inequalities throughout the borough.

We would like to hear your views on this draft strategy. Your views are vital to help us determine our approach to tackling inequalities in Tameside.

Please find the draft strategy by clicking here: [Tameside Equalities Strategy 2023-2027 DRAFT](#)

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



- ***NEW* Tameside Council's Staying Put Policy**

Deadline: 15/11/2022

Many care leavers have a more difficult start to adulthood than their peers as a consequence of their past experiences, coupled with the absence of a supportive family base. Staying Put arrangements help to mitigate against these factors so that care leavers are better equipped to do well in life.

Staying Put is about care leavers continuing to live with their former foster carers after they reach the age of 18.

To help us find out what you think about the new Staying Put policy we would value your feedback by completing this short survey.

[Please find the draft strategy by clicking here.](#)

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

- ***NEW* Ashton Market Square Questionnaire**

Deadline: 05/12/2022

Tameside Council is utilising £10.8 million of the national Levelling Up fund to redevelop Ashton's Market Square as part of our wider Ashton Public Realm Strategy.

Feedback received in March 2022 highlighted a view that an improved market offer was felt to be a priority to many residents and visitors. The new proposal will provide a high quality flexible and modern Market Square which would lend itself to a range of different uses and be more inviting to the local community and visitors, as well as provide space to hold events. Plans include the removal of the kiosks and market stalls, replacing them with a large canopy structure that will provide adaptable market units to meet the need of modern market traders.

Following the close of this consultation and subject to approval by Executive Cabinet, early works to Ashton Market Square could start as soon as spring 2023 with the main works being undertaken from early 2024 until 31 March 2025.

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



- ***NEW* 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

- ***NEW* Greater Manchester Family Survey (Children <5)**

Deadline: 18/11/22

This survey has been designed by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and ten local authorities that form the Greater Manchester city region: Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan.

The purpose of the survey is to hear from parents/carers of children under the age of 5 about their experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic, and the impact of lockdown and social distancing on their child(ren) and family. Studies have shown that the Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact on the development and wellbeing of young children and babies, as well as impacting on parental wellbeing due to the pressures of lockdowns and social distancing.

The survey should take around 10-15 minutes to complete and all answers are anonymous.

If you have more than one child under the age of 5, please answer for both children when filling out the survey. If you have more than one child, but some are aged 5 or above, **please only give answers for your children that are under the age of 5.**

The survey will ask questions about your child's development, as well as access to support services and childcare. Providing information in response to any survey question is **entirely voluntary and respondents can withdraw their consent at any point** whilst completing the survey. The answers provided will be used **only for the purposes of analysis** and all responses will be treated as **confidential**.

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

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

Deadline: 02/12/22

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* COVID Commemoration Consultation**
Deadline: 05/12/22, 11:45pm

The UK Commission on Covid Commemoration has launched a consultation giving people across the UK the opportunity to say how they think the pandemic should be



remembered and with possible suggestions including the adoption of a Remembrance Sunday-style symbol, dedicated memorials and reflective spaces.

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

- **Down Syndrome Act 2022 – Call for evidence**

Deadline: 08/11/2022

The Department of Health and Social Care have launched a call for evidence to ask what should be included in the statutory guidance accompanying the Down Syndrome Act 2022, which aims to improve life outcomes and access to services for people with Down's Syndrome.

They would particularly like to hear from individuals with Down's Syndrome, families and carers, professionals, and other people with learning disabilities.

For further information, please visit: [Down Syndrome Act 2022 guidance: call for evidence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

To respond to the survey, visit: [Down Syndrome Act 2022 guidance – Call for evidence - Department of Health and Social Care \(dhsc.gov.uk\)](#)

Grant Funding for VCSE Organisations

- ***NEW* 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)

- Action Together's latest funding bulletin for September 2022 can be found here: [AT 10GM Funding Bulletin September 2022.pdf \(actiontogether.org.uk\)](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk)



- For funding opportunities, please visit Action Together's funding directory:
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