



December 2018

Our regular updates enable us to keep you informed of upcoming activity including PEN events and engagement or consultation work across Tameside and Glossop which may be of interest to you.

We want to invite as many people as possible from across Tameside & Glossop to join the PEN family. If you know others who would be interested in hearing about upcoming activity including PEN events and engagement or consultation work across Tameside and Glossop please encourage them to register [here](#).

Things to be aware of this month include:

- [Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commission Budget Conversation 2019/20](#) – Tameside Council and NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group have come together to form Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission. They are responsible for a range of services from bin collections through care for the elderly to the provision of GP surgeries. Both TMBC and T&GCCG have to set a balanced budget for 2019/20. The views of local people are important in helping to understand your priorities and inform the budget setting process. Please click on the title of this survey to find more information about the budget and the Budget Conversation, and to access the link to an online survey which gives you the opportunity to have your say on the budget. Alternatively comments can be e mailed directly to bigconversation@tameside.gov.uk. The deadline for comments is **29 January 2019**.
- **PEN Conference February 2019** – The next Partnership Engagement Network Conference is due to take place on **Monday 4 February 2019** commencing at 9.30 am (9.15am registration) at Hyde Town Hall, 10 Corporation Street, Hyde, SK14 1AL. Join other PEN members to engage on key pieces of work taking place across Tameside & Glossop. Please hold the date and further information will be circulated early in the New Year.

Local engagement and consultations

There are a number of consultations taking place which you may wish to take part in. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below:

- [0 to 19 public health school nursing and health visiting service in Derbyshire](#) – This consultation sets out a proposal to put in place a formal partnership agreement for the delivery of the 0 to 19 public health school nursing and health visiting service in Derbyshire. Derbyshire County Council are seeking input from members of the public, health professionals and nurseries. The deadline is 24 December 2018.
- [Gambling Act Policy](#) - In accordance with the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005, Tameside Council is required to publish a Statement of Principles (also known as the 'Gambling Policy'). The statement provides guidance on the approach the Council, as the Licensing

Authority, takes on gambling licensing matters. The Council is required to review its policy at least every three years. The existing statement is due to expire in February 2019. Before the revised statement can be adopted, the Licensing Authority must consult with a wide variety of individuals and businesses who may have an interest in licensed premises within its area. The deadline for comments is 4 January 2019.

- **[Council Tax Charge on Empty Dwellings](#)** – New legislation in the Local Government Finance Act 1998 gives local authorities discretion to increase the council tax charge on empty properties. Tameside Council is therefore considering increasing the charges where the property has been empty for a long period of time in line with new legislation. Although the change only affects owners of empty properties, Tameside Council are seeking views and comments from the public on the proposals. You can make comments before 18 January 2019.
- **[Housing Assistance Policy Consultation](#)** – The Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance)(England and Wales) Order 2002 (known as the RRO Policy) gives local authorities a general power to introduce policies for Private Sector Housing to provide assistance to individuals with renewals, repairs and adaptations. Tameside Council’s current policy was created in 2003 and has remained generally unchanged, but some of the policy schemes are no longer appropriate due to changes in the way local government is funded. In order to continue providing help and assistance to residents and in order to take advantage of the changes made by government Tameside Council need to change their policy. The closing date is 25 January 2019.
- **[Eligibility criteria for community alarms and telecare services](#)** – A consultation on changing how older and vulnerable people are supported to live at home has been launched by Derbyshire County Council. Residents will be asked for their views on plans to change who is eligible to receive community alarms and telecare services. Around 5,000 older and vulnerable people currently use the technology funded by Derbyshire County Council which provides 24-hour monitoring. Closes 25 January 2019.
- **[Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Consultation](#)** – The four CCGs in Derbyshire are proposing to decommission the Psychodynamic Psychotherapy element of the specialist psychological therapy provision. You can read more about the service and the proposals here: <https://healthwatchderbyshire.co.uk/.../PPT-Consultation-docu...>
After you have read the information please take the time to complete the survey. You can complete the survey by clicking this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PPTtherapy>

Regional engagement and consultations

There are a number of consultations taking place at a regional level which you may wish to take part in. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below:

- **[GM Big Alcohol Conversation](#)** – The Big Alcohol Conversation is being led by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, set up to oversee the devolution of our health and social care services. Evidence

shows how drinking too much alcohol can affect our people and our communities. This consultation is seeking what these numbers really mean for Greater Manchester and what role does alcohol plays in our daily lives. Have your say before 28 February 2019.

National engagement and consultations

There are currently a number of pieces of engagement and /or consultation work being led by Government departments / agencies that you may wish to take part in. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below:

- [Equality & Human Rights Commission Draft Strategic Plan](#) - The Equality & Human Rights Commission are seeking views on their draft strategic plan, or their work for the next three years. You can review the plan and make comments before 7 January 2019.
- Improving adult basic digital skills – The Department for Education is seeking views on plans to improve [adult basic digital skills](#). Closing date: 10 January 2019.
- [Regulating Basic Digital Skills Qualifications](#) - Basic Digital Skills Qualifications form part of the government’s plans to improve adult basic digital skills. The purpose is to provide learners with core digital skills that will enable them to operate confidently in life and in employment or study. This consultation sets out a proposed approach to regulating Basic Digital Skills Qualifications and is seeking views on their design, deliver and awarding. Closing date: 13 January 2019.
- [Planning reform: supporting the high street and increasing the delivery of new homes](#) – The government is committed to simplifying and speeding up the planning system to support the high street, make effective use of land and deliver more homes. This consultation is seeking views on a package of measures to provide greater planning certainty to support the high street and ensure that homes can be delivered in the right places, and without delay. Closing date: 14 January 2019.
- [Williams Rail Review](#) – The government’s vision aspires to have a world-class railway, working as part of the wider transport network and delivering new opportunities across the nation. The review invites written contributions to inform its work on the review principles which can be found on the consultation page. Your evidence will inform the review and will be considered alongside other evidence received. Closing date: 18 January 2019
- [Extremism in England and Wales: call for evidence](#) – The independent Commission for Countering Extremism is carrying out a first-of-its-kind study into extremism that aims to improve understanding of extremism and its impact on individuals, communities and wider society. They are keen to hear from people with a wide range of views and insights including people with personal experience of extremism, faith and community groups, counter extremism activists and practitioners. The deadline is 31 January 2019.

[Strategy for our veterans: UK government consultation paper](#) – On 14 November, the UK wide Strategy for our Veterans was published. The strategy set the principles and aims needed to continue to meet the needs of older veterans as well as the wider Veteran community over the next

ten years, and set the right conditions for society to empower, and support, them for the next 100 years. It seeks broad public views on focused questions, to build on the research and engagement conducted to produce the strategy. You can have your say before 21 February 2019.