December 2020

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: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/penandbigconversation

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

The following are some critical sources of information from the government which are updated regularly:

- Updated figures on the number of Coronavirus cases and risk in the UK here: https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/
- How to protect yourself or check if you need medical help: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus
- Guidance on social distancing (including for vulnerable people) here https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know
- Information on self-isolation here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection
- Covid-19 advice for employees, employers and businesses here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19

There is also guidance available on our own local websites as detailed below:

Tameside Council - www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus - includes links to service change information, how to volunteer, support for businesses, council tax recovery, mental health support, wellbeing, how to contact the Council for support and more.

NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG - www.tamesideandglossopccg.org/ link on homepage

Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust - www.tamesidehospital.nhs.uk/ information on homepage

Derbyshire Council - https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/health-protection/disease-control/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19.aspx

Other things to be aware of include:

- **Budget Conversation 2021-22** – Tameside Council (TMBC) and NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) together 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 Tameside Council and NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group have to set a balanced budget for 2021/22.The coronavirus pandemic has also resulted in significant financial challenges for the Strategic Commission, which now need to be addressed as part of our budget setting process.

  To prepare a balanced budget a number of considerations have to be taken into account. The views of local people are important in helping us understand your priorities and informing the budget setting. Closing date for survey responses: **6 January 2021**. https://www.tameside.gov.uk/budgetconversation2021-22

- **PEN Conference – November 2020** – we would like to say a big thank you to those of you who attended our Partnership Engagement Network Conference last month – the first large scale PEN conference to be delivered virtually. With over 70 people in attendance there was a lot of discussion during the workshops, which covered topics such as Improving Access to Primary Care; Environment Strategy; Inclusive Growth Strategy; Clean Air; Minimum Licensing Standards; and Tameside & Glossop Budget Conversation. A report summarising the discussions and feedback from the conference is currently being developed and will be shared with you shortly.

- **Census 2021** –Taking place every 10 years, the Census is a survey which gives us information about all the households in England and Wales. The next Census will take place on 21 March 2021. Each area has a dedicated Census Community Engagement Manager (CEM). The primary role of CEMs is to build links with local community organisations, trusted local leaders and charities, so that more people can take part in the census. They will do this by raising awareness, helping people understand why the census is important and building trust in the census.

  Tameside's newly recruited Census Engagement Manager is Graham Thomas and for those in Glossop, Derbyshire's CEM is Anthony Savage. If you would like to learn more about the Census and to ensure your group / organisation / network is well placed to help share the importance of completing our Census forms, please contact Graham (for Tameside) or Anthony (for Glossop) via the following e mail addresses:
  Tameside: graham.thomas93@field.census.gov.uk
  Derbyshire: anthony.savage55@field.census.gov.uk

- **NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG receives the top rating of 'Green Star' for Patient and Community Engagement** – with the highest score possible being awarded by NHS England. NHS England has a legal duty to assess how well each CCG has discharged its public involvement duty, as well as a commitment to supporting continuous improvement in public participation. Though formally the rating applies to the CCG, this recognises the achievement of the system-wide approach to joining up CCG,

Council and Integrated Trust strategic engagement and consultation through PEN. So thank you once again to the PEN family for your support, involvement and contributions through our engagement and participation work.

- **Available healthcare services Christmas and New Year 2020** – Anyone feeling unwell over the Christmas and New Year bank holidays can still access a variety of healthcare services when their GP practice is closed. A list of Tameside and Glossop pharmacy opening times have been published for the bank holidays here: https://www.tamesideandglossopccg.org/coronavirus/pharmacyservices

Grant Funding for VCSE organisations

There are a number of ways VCSE organisations in Greater Manchester and Derbyshire can apply for funding during the Covid-19 outbreak. 10GM, a partnership of local support and development agencies in Greater Manchester, have come together to produce a bulletin providing all the information on funding opportunities available for VCF organisations in Greater Manchester, including how to apply. You can find the latest bulletin here: https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/news/10gm-funding-bulletin-december-2020.

For Glossop, Derbyshire County Council offer a range of grants to assist in the delivery of social, economic, health, environmental, and cultural services. (https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery-funding/funding-and-grants.aspx) High Peak Borough Council also offer grants to VCSE organisations, including through the Councillors' Initiative Fund for residents, local groups, and businesses which can be found here: https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/576/Councillors-Initiative-Fund. Whilst Foundation Derbyshire offers a wide variety of funding programmes available to community & voluntary groups working across Derbyshire, with information and guidance on available grants and how to apply available here: https://foundationderbyshire.org/apply-for-a-grant/.

Update on various funding pots available

- **Covid-19 Community-led Organisations Recovery Scheme** – This funding is designed to support organisations that work with those communities which have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, as well as social enterprises and community businesses. https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/covid-19-community-led-organisations-recovery-scheme
- **Emergency Investment Funds** – Has your company or organisation been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 crisis and been unable to access suitable or sufficient investment from existing support schemes such as the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS), the Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLS) or SIB's Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund? Whether you address social needs, strengthen communities, improve people's life chances, enhance culture or protect the environment - this opportunity is for you. If you are a social enterprise, a charity or a community business then you can apply for a loan of between £50,000 and £250,000

for a 5-year term to support you through the crisis.
https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/gmsocinvest/emergencyinvestmentfund

Covid-19 opinion and behaviour insight:

The following are some key statistics taken from different pieces of national and regional research indicating what the impact of covid-19 has been for people including businesses. Understanding the impact of Covid-19 will be crucial to our recovery locally and how we plan to build back better.

- People are less likely to take a vaccine if they have to pay the cost of a prescription for it – 66% will take it if there's no charge, and 58% will if they have to pay
- 42% support the vaccine being mandatory despite concerns about side effects (57%), safety (51%) and effectiveness (42%)
- 48% think that people working in sectors impacted by Covid-19 should be supported so that they can return to their job. 81% think it's not possible for the government to save every job
- 34% of parents feel uncomfortable asking for help with how they're feeling, despite 37% thinking the pandemic will have a negative long-term impact on their mental well-being
- 79% of people were satisfied with how their council kept essential services going during lockdown. 54% trust their council to make decisions about services in their local area (compared to 12% that trust the government)
- 70% of adults are very or somewhat worried about the effect of Covid-19 on their life right now (71% the week previous)

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:

- **Community Safety Strategy Consultation 2021/24 –** The Tameside Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is developing its Community Safety Strategy for the years 2021-24 and would like to hear your views. Deadline: **25 February 2021**.
  https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/communitysafetystrategyconsultation2021/24

- **Creating "Pop-Up" Cycle Lanes to Support Safe Walking and Cycling - A635** – Acting on advice from central government, we are creating 'pop-up' cycle lanes to help people travel safely and provide an alternative to travelling by car and public transport.
  One phase of the temporary works will see the introduction of a combination of measures running from the Snipe Retail Park along A635, Manchester Road to the Manchester boundary as shown on the plans. The Council is keen to obtain your views on Phase 2 of the scheme - the "pop-up" cycle lane. Deadline: **21 January**

2021. You can view the full plans and have your say here: https://www.tameside.gov.uk/safestreets/a635

- **Tameside Citizen Feedback Survey** – The Citizen is Tameside Council's free magazine distributed to more than 100,000 households and businesses in Tameside three times a year. It provides important information for residents, including the latest news on council services and community developments, health guidance and advice, and a What's On guide for upcoming entertainment and events.
  Tameside Council want the magazine to help residents, especially those without online access, to feel involved and informed in the council's work and support services available as well as what's happening around the borough. By completing this short survey you can help to ensure it reaches as many people as possible and contains information that's relevant to you. Closing date: **11 January 2021.**
  https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/thecitizenfeedback

- **Inclusive Growth Strategy Consultation** – Tameside Council is reviewing its Inclusive Growth Strategy, a guiding document that sets out how the borough will ensure that the quality of life, health and happiness of our people is improved, by good employment, with greater security and better pay. It also states how the borough will support improved productivity which will benefit local businesses, and how it will effect proactive public service reform in a thriving, varied, inclusive economy. Anyone who lives, works or spends their time in Tameside is asked to review the draft document and give their comments and opinions. The closing date for this is **16 December 2020**. https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/tigsc

- **A57 Link Roads Consultation** – Highways England have launched a consultation on the A57 Link Roads project and want to hear your views on the updated design of the proposed road. You can access the consultation and supporting documents by clicking here: https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/north-west/a57-link-roads/ Closing date: **17 December 2020.**

- **COVID-19 survey –** Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have all been asked to 'Stay at Home, Protect the NHS, and Save Lives'. This short survey from Healthwatch Tameside will help them to understand and gather information about what you think could make the situation easier to live with. They want you to say what is working well, as well as what could be improved. Paper copies of this consultation will be made available in due course, and questions can be talked through over the phone to support as many responses as possible. Deadline: **ongoing**. https://www.healthwatchtameside.co.uk/covid-19-survey

Regional engagement and consultations

- **Doing Buses Differently: The impact of Covid-19 on our proposals for the future of your buses** – Greater Manchester has an ambition for a truly integrated public transport system, Our Network, to make getting around the city-region easy, accessible and affordable. Franchising means bus services would be brought under

local control. Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) would coordinate and invest in the bus network, while the bus operators would be contracted to run the services.

Between October 2019 and January 2020, GMCA held a consultation on a proposed franchising scheme for the city-region's buses. In June, GMCA received the results of the consultation and decided, before a final decision could be made that the impact of Covid-19 on the bus market and proposed franchising scheme should be considered.
Covid-19 has caused a lot of uncertainty over how people will travel in future. So, TFGM has used four scenarios in a report which looks at potential future travel demand in Greater Manchester and what it could mean for GMCA's proposals to change how buses are run. Anyone can take part in the consultation. You do not have to live in Greater Manchester or be a regular bus user to have your say. The closing date for this is **29 January 2021**. https://www.gmconsult.org/strategy-team/greater-manchester-bus-consultation/

- **Employment during the Coronavirus pandemic for people with lived experience of disability and long-term conditions** – The North West Disabled Peoples Stakeholder Group are a network recruited by the Governments Disability Unit and they would like to raise with the Disability Minister issues that are affecting disabled people in employment during the pandemic. Complete their short and confidential survey to give your views. Closing date: **ongoing**.
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MYJGMWC