



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

Thursday 20th October

We are holding our first ever hybrid PEN Conference. 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.

The next PEN Conference will be held on **Thursday 20th October, 1:30pm-4:30pm at Dukinfield Town Hall.**

We will be discussing the relationships between public bodies and local communities in Tameside. We want to understand how we can best build and have meaningful conversations with local communities through engagement and co-design/co-production.

You will be informed of other topics to be discussed in due course.

In the meantime, please register to attend the event [here](#). When you register, please indicate whether you will attend in person or online.

Consultations and Surveys

Local

- ***NEW* Active Travel Fund – Walking and Cycling Scheme Consultations**
Deadline: 14/10/2022

Tameside residents are being urged to have their say on proposals to create safer spaces for cycling and walking in the borough.

The Council was successful in a bid to secure Government funding for schemes that will give people more opportunities to choose cycling and walking 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.

A consultation on three of the latest Active Travel Fund schemes has been launched so that residents have the opportunity to help improve the schemes and their neighbourhood. The projects have been designed to improve walking and cycling connections and will support commuting and leisure journeys by introducing segregated cycle lanes. The proposed schemes will make up a key part of the Bee Network, GM's vision for an integrated public transport system, which includes cycling and walking, and will enable more people to switch to active travel for everyday journeys.

The consultation runs from Monday 5 September 2022 to Friday 14 October 2022 and includes the following three schemes. Select the one that you are interested in to see a detailed plan and to access the consultation questionnaire.

- [Oldham Road and Newman Street, Ashton](#)
- [Stockport Road, Ashton](#)
- [Guide Lane, Audenshaw](#)

- **Accessibility to Council Services for Non-English Speakers**

Deadline: 26/09/2022

We're looking for language champions.

The following survey is aimed at people who belong to a community group where non-English languages are spoken.

In an effort to reduce language acting as a barrier to services, the council aim to reach representatives from non-English speaking communities who can help to share information and request translation services to improve communication and access to services.

If you're a part of a community where a non-English language is spoken, we would like to hear from you about how your community accesses council services and what resources would improve their access to council communications.

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

- **Healthwatch Tameside Mental Health Survey**

Deadline: 30/09/2022



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.

We 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. We are interested in all services, whether NHS or community/charity services. We are looking at how all the options available come together to provide an overall service.

Please be aware we are careful not to identify anyone in our reports.

How to complete our anonymous survey:

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

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

- **Ashton Public Space Protection Order Consultation**

Deadline: 03/10/2022

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) are one of the tools that councils can use to combat anti-social behaviour. PSPOs can be used to prohibit specified activities, and/or require that certain thing be done by engaged in particular activities within a defined public area. Failure to do so without a reasonable excuse is an offence punishable by a fixed penalty notice or a fine of up to £1,000.

Local business, residents, MPs and police have identified Ashton town centre as an area that has been seriously affected by anti-social behaviour, particularly when combined with the consumption of alcohol and other intoxicating substances. In order to address this, Tameside Council is consulting on the introduction of a PSPO covering the area identified on the map [here](#).

Within this area the following activities shall be prohibited:

- Consumption of alcohol.
- Consumption of intoxicating substances.
- Discarding a hypodermic needle or syringe.
- Urinating or defecating outside of a legitimate toilet facility.



- Other activities believed to pose a health and safety risk, including obstructing public spaces and erecting tents or other temporary structures.

The draft PSPO can be found [here](#). We want to hear your views on our plans before we make a final decision. The feedback we receive will form an important part of the evidence base we need to keep Tameside a great place to live, work and visit.

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

Regional

- ***NEW* Big Alcohol Conversation 2022**

Deadline: 16/09/22

In 2019, the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership asked people across Greater Manchester to tell them about the role and impacts of alcohol in their communities. More than 80 local voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, more than 5,000 people, joined in the Big Alcohol Conversation. From this, findings and recommendations were produced.

Now, we want to check that these findings and recommendations are still relevant following the Covid-19 pandemic.

This survey, for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations and public sector organisations, will take about 10 minutes to complete. It will ask about your views on the impact of alcohol consumption on communities, whether anything has changed since Covid-19, and specific actions that could be taken to address issues around alcohol.

The findings of this survey will be used to inform a report that will be submitted to the Greater Manchester Drug and Alcohol Transformation Board. The report will support considerations for the further development of a programme of action to prevent alcohol-related harm in Greater Manchester.

To take part in the survey, please click here: [Big Alcohol Conversation 2022 Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://surveymonkey.co.uk/surveys/Big-Alcohol-Conversation-2022-Survey)

- ***NEW* Parent and Carer Offer Survey**

Deadline: 23/09/22

The [Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit](#) is interested in hearing from parents and carers, as well as anybody who works with children, parents and carers, to help shape a potential new service. We want to find out more information about what happens, or what you would like to happen, if you have concerns about a child or young



person in relation to crime, exploitation, risk of violence or anti-social behaviour. What might cause those concerns, and what kind of help would be best for you? How would you access it, and what does it feel like?

This would be a service for any body with caring responsibilities for a child or young person, so it's important that we hear from as wide a range of people as possible. It doesn't matter if you've never experienced concerns before or never been asked for help, if you are a professional who works with children, young people and families. We still want to hear from you.

To take part in the survey, please click here: [Parent and carer offer survey - Introduction - Greater Manchester Combined Authority - Citizen Space \(gmconsult.org\)](#)

- ***NEW* Greater Manchester Green Summit 2022**

Deadline: 17/10/2022

Now in its fifth year, Greater Manchester's Green Summit 2022 will be held at The Lowry Theatre, Salford Quays on **Monday 17th October**, hosted by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham.

This year, the summit will seek input from businesses, policymakers, local communities and industry on how the city-region should accelerate action against its five-year environment plan, rising to the key environmental challenges facing it from implementing new policy and future innovations to industry adaptation and individual lifestyle changes.

Event content will be split across six sessions covering updates on:

- > Natural Environment
- > Transport
- > Low Carbon – energy
- > Low Carbon – buildings
- > Sustainable Consumption and Production – circular economy / waste
- > Sustainable Lifestyles

The event will also focus on engaging young people around climate change, a youth-specific event strand will be held during the Green Summit, and will be opened by the Mayor.

The Green Summit offers a great opportunity to meet and network with people who are determined to drive change and help the city-region meet its ambitious goals for the environment, with networking and exhibition stands open until the end of the event.

The full programme of events and further information will be revealed in the run up to



the event on www.gmgreencity.com. You can also subscribe to the GM Green City newsletter for all the latest news: <https://bit.ly/3Prouzt>.

National

- ***NEW* Decent Homes Standard in Private Rented Sector**

Deadline: 14/10/2022

On 16 June 2022, we published [A fairer private rented sector](#) – a landmark white paper for the private rented sector – which sets out this government’s commitment to introduce a legally binding Decent Homes Standard to the private rented sector for the first time.

This will improve parity with the social rented sector where there has been a decent homes standard in place since 2001. The system will also be fairer for good landlords by making sure those who do not treat their tenants fairly are no longer able to get away with it, tarnishing the reputation of the sector as a whole.

We have undertaken a range of stakeholder engagement in the last 3 months, running a number of in-depth discussions with key organisations on how we apply a Decent Homes Standard to the private rented sector. This consultation builds on that engagement and seeks further views on how to apply and enforce the standard in the private rented sector where it is not already being met. We really welcome views and feedback on the proposals and questions contained in this consultation and would like to thank you in advance for your input.

To fill in the consultation, please click here: [A Decent Homes Standard in the private rented sector: consultation - Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities - Citizen Space](#)

- **Childcare: Regulatory Changes**

Deadline: 16/09/2022

The Department for Education are seeking views to reach well-informed and fair decisions on proposed regulatory changes to childcare in England.

This consultation seeks views on the following proposals:

- Changing the current statutory minimum staff:child ratios in England for 2-year-olds from 1:4 to 1:5
- Making the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework (EYFS) explicit that childminders can care for more than the specified maximum of three children under the age of 5 if they are caring for siblings of children



they already care for, or if the childminder is caring for their own baby or child

- Making the EYFS explicit that “adequate supervision” while children are eating means that children must be in sight and hearing of an adult

For more information on this consultation, visit: [Childcare: Regulatory changes - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)

- **Adult Social Care Charging Reform: Distribution of Funding 2023-2024**

Deadline: 23/09/22

The government is introducing a new adult social care charging framework from October 2023.

This consultation seeks views on proposals for distributing funding to support the first year of delivery of adult social care charging reform in 2023 to 2024. There are proposals for:

- distributing funding for needs and financial assessments
- the extension to the means test
- the cap on care costs

To fill in the consultation, 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

- Action Together's latest funding bulletin for September 2022 can be found here: [AT 10GM Funding Bulletin September 2022.pdf \(actiontogether.org.uk\)](#)
- For funding opportunities, please visit Action Together's funding directory: [Find Funding | Action Together](#)