



Partnership Engagement Network Newsletter

August 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

October

Our next PEN Conference is scheduled to occur in October 2022. The date, time, venue, and topics of discussion will be confirmed in due course.

Consultations and Surveys

Local

- ***NEW*** 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](#).

- ***NEW* 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

Regional

- ***NEW* The Future of Greater Manchester's Cultural Fund**

Deadline: 26/08/2022

Greater Manchester is rightly proud of its cultural offer. Culture and heritage are some of the biggest reasons residents like and are proud of living in Greater Manchester.

The COVID pandemic has had a significant impact on Greater Manchester's cultural landscape. The Centre for Cultural Value's Culture in Crisis report earlier this year highlighted well the impacts on the workforce,



organisations, and audiences.

The current GMCA culture fund period has been in place for three years. Across this period, a portfolio of 35 GM cultural organisations and 14 multi-organisation projects are supported.

GMCA and the ten local authorities from across Greater Manchester recognise the importance of culture to places, communities, and individuals.

Before the pandemic cultural investment across Greater Manchester was going to be reviewed to make sure it was still fit for purpose. This review was paused during the pandemic, recognising the pressure the cultural sector was under. However, it is now appropriate for this review to take place.

GMCA are now consulting on a proposed new approach to cultural investment from 2023 onwards.

At this stage it is not possible to quantify the totality of funding available as this will be determined during the usual budget planning cycle which will begin later in 2022.

This survey is to see if professionals, practitioners and the public think that our proposals for the future of cultural investment in Greater Manchester are reasonable.

This survey is supported by a number of workshops which people are welcome to attend. Details of the workshops and the survey can be found [here](#).

National

- ***NEW* 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 \(dhsc.gov.uk\)](#)

- **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](#)

- **A new approach to SEND area inspections**

Deadline: 11/09/2022

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) seek your views on proposed changes to the way they jointly inspect area SEND arrangements from 2023.

We are seeking the widest possible range of views from:

- Those who have an interest in, or expertise relating to, disability, special educational needs (SEN) and/or alternative provision
- Children and young people who have SEND, and their parents and carers
- Local authorities, Integrated Care Partnerships,, professionals and practitioners involved in the commissioning and delivery of services to children and young people with SEND

For more information on this consultation, visit: [A new approach to area SEND inspections - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

There is a dedicated webpage for the version of the consultation aimed at children and young people with SEND: [Children and young people's consultation: Changing the way we look into services for children and young people with SEND - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- **Creating an offence of public sexual harassment**

Deadline: 01/09/2022

The Home Office have launched a consultation asking:



- Whether or not a specific criminal offence of public sexual harassment should be created,
- if such an offence were to be created, what it should look like
- whether the government should take additional non-legislative actions to tackle public sexual harassment (either instead of or in addition to a new criminal offence)

For more information on this consultation, please visit: [Public sexual harassment consultation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/public-sexual-harassment-consultation)

To respond to the consultation, please visit: [Public sexual harassment consultation \(homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk\)](https://homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/public-sexual-harassment-consultation)

Grant Funding for VCSE Organisations

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