



Tameside Strategic Partnership

Partnership Agreement

TSP Board

And

The Economic and Learning Partnership



Tameside Strategic Partnership
Many Partners, One Direction

The Tameside Sustainable Community Strategy

“Tameside is a great place to live. We will make it even better. It will continue to be a borough where the people who live here feel at home, are able to get involved in the life of the community, where they can contribute to a prosperous local economy, feel safe and healthy, and take active responsibility in their environment.” (Tameside Community Strategy 2009-19)

The Sustainable Community Strategy sets out 6 aims for the Borough which were identified following extensive consultation with local people:

- Supportive Tameside
- Safe Tameside
- Prosperous Tameside
- Learning Tameside
- Healthy Tameside
- Attractive Tameside

Each priority has a vision for the Borough, they are:

Supportive Tameside

We want Tameside to be a place where people get on and look out for each other, and everyone shares in the growing prosperity, so that Tameside is an even better place to live now and in the future.

Safe Tameside

We want Tameside to be a place where everyone feels safe and secure, where crime and antisocial behaviour rates are low and continue to fall, and where people have respect for each other now and in the future.

Prosperous Tameside

We want Tameside to be a place where more and better jobs are available for everyone, local people are able to access these jobs and where new and established businesses can flourish.

Learning Tameside

We want Tameside to be a place where expectations and achievements are raised in schools, through exams and in other ways, so that young people have the best possible start in life and also that people in Tameside continue to improve their skills as adults.

Healthy Tameside

We want Tameside to be a place where everyone is healthy – both physically and mentally – and feels positive about the future.

Attractive Tameside

We want Tameside to be a place that is clean, green and an attractive place to be for everyone. We are determined to pass onto future generations a better quality of environment than we inherited.

The Tameside Strategic Partnership

The Tameside Strategic Partnership (TSP) consists of a Board of 30 members and seven Thematic Partnerships. The Thematic Partnerships focus on particular areas of the Sustainable Community Strategy through a series of formal Partnership Agreements. The Board co-ordinates and supports the work of the Thematic Partnerships, so ensuring an effective delivery framework.

A number of cross-cutting groups such as the Link Officers Group, the Cross Sector Policy Group, and the Sustainable Communities Group work across the Partnership Structure (Appendix A).

The Aims of the TSP

- To promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Borough and contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
- To bring together leaders of key partnerships and organisations from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors in Tameside
- To provide leadership and long-term vision and form an overarching strategic partnership in order to serve the interests of all local people
- To create, implement, monitor and review a Sustainable Community Strategy with specific aims and measures which reflect the needs and priorities of the people of Tameside
- To utilise existing partnerships and organisations and seek to reduce the bureaucratic burden by rationalising structures and partnerships operating in Tameside where there is overlap.

Code of Conduct

While the TSP Partnership is not a statutory public body and most of the members are not holders of public office they should conform to the code of conduct set out in the Nolan Report – Standards in Public Life. This includes the following:

Selflessness; Integrity; Objectivity; Accountability; Openness; Honesty; Respect for others; Leadership

The TSP Board

- Meetings of the Board will normally be held 4 times per annum unless otherwise decided by the Board
- Each Year the TSP holds an Annual Conference which includes representatives of all the Thematic Partnerships
- The work of the Board is directed by the Chair and two Vice-Chairs
- The Board is supported by the Council's Policy and Partnerships Unit and in particular the TSP Co-ordinator who supports the operation of the Board and distributes and co-ordinates reports to the Board and any actions required thereafter
- The agenda papers for each Board Meeting will be issued 7 days prior to each meeting

The Economic and Learning Partnership

The Economic and Learning Partnership aims to ensure that there is a coordinated multi sector approach from stakeholders in the Tameside Strategic Partnership to enable all residents of Tameside to have the opportunity to continue learning and training, and to benefit from a prosperous local economy with sustainable businesses and well paid jobs.

In order to achieve this aim, the partnership will ensure that joint actions are taken by the relevant partners to address the following key aims.

The Aims of the Economic and Learning Partnership:

- Promoting Lifelong Learning in the Borough to citizens and partners and increasing participation in Learning;
- Promoting enterprise;
- Building competitive businesses;
- Attracting and retaining investment, visitors and talent;
- Creating world class skills;
- Bringing together the lifelong learning and skills agendas in the borough to meet economic demand;
- Achieving economic inclusion;
- Ensuring the best transition to working life for all young people;
- Securing a modern, integrated and efficient transport network.

Key Strategies and Documents:

- Tameside Economic Development Plan
- Tameside Enterprise Strategy
- Adult Learning and Employment Skills – Strategy and Action Plan
- 14-19 Strategy

Roles and Responsibilities

The TSP Board will:

- Prepare, implement and review the Tameside Sustainable Community Strategy
- Oversee the negotiation and performance management of Tameside's Local Area Agreement by a delegated Steering Group
- Oversee and monitor all National Indicator Set (NIS) measures on behalf of the Borough.
- Bring together local plans, partnerships and initiatives to ensure that they meet local needs in a complementary and effective way
- Publish information on Quality of Life measures on an on-going basis through the Partnership Information Portal
- Address the needs of priority neighbourhoods with a view to ensuring access to appropriate funding
- Ensure the resources of the Area Based Grant, in particular the Working Neighbourhoods Fund, are used to support the of delivery local priorities effectively and efficiently.
- Publish and implement a Partnership Improvement Programme each year
- Embed a joint framework for better co-ordination of consultation
- Strengthen communication within the TSP through contributions to the TSP website and through publication of a regular newsletter 'Newsline'
- Publish Minutes from the TSP Board meetings and disseminate action points to individual / organisations where appropriate

The Thematic Partnerships will:

- Contribute to the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy outcomes for which the Partnership is responsible
- Contribute to and monitor the LAA indicators for which the partnership is responsible and receive updates from the LAA Block Groups as appropriate
- Contribute to and monitor the National Indicator Set (NIS) measures for which the Partnership is responsible
- Produce an Annual Report setting out achievements and areas for improvement, and present it to the Board each year
- Comply with the requirements of the TSP Performance Management Framework
- Contribute to the annual update of the Sustainable Community Strategy providing relevant information including performance data
- Submit data on an on-going basis to contribute to the online Partnership Information Portal
- Provide further information for the TSP Board as and when required, providing requests are appropriate and allowing sufficient time for the Partnership to respond
- Promote the TSP's work when possible through PR and marketing
- Support the TSP Board in publicising successful initiatives, particularly surrounding progress towards the Sustainable Community Strategy
- Liaise with other Thematic Partnerships to develop strategies and actions to achieve the Sustainable Community Strategy aims where appropriate
- Utilise the TSP website and contribute to it's content
- Develop / utilise it's own web presence and ensure that it is updated appropriately

The Delivery Framework

The Board recognises that each Partnership is operationally independent and will have separate strategies and action plans that underpin their contribution to the Community Strategy (Appendix C). In signing up to this agreement, each Thematic Partnership is committing to work outside organisational boundaries and deliver Tameside's Sustainable Community Strategy through the development of appropriate: action plans; delivery mechanisms; commissioning structures and reporting arrangements.

The Performance Management Framework

The Performance Management Framework (PMF) implements and monitors the delivery of the Community Strategy and is vital for the TSP to be an effective partnership. The core elements of Tameside's Framework are:

- **Sustainable Community Strategy:** with aims and performance measures for each priority
- **The Local Area Agreement;** which forms a wider basket of measures to monitor the progress towards the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities
- **Partnership Agreements;** with the aims and objectives this Partnership is contributing towards in relation to the Sustainable Community Strategy (see Appendix 'C')
- **Partnership Information Portal (PIP):** this online resource reports on each of the key measures within the Sustainable Community Strategy together with the LAA measures and a selection of local Partnership measures.
- **Annual Reporting:** each Partnership will report annually to the TSP Board on progress against their Partnership Agreement and actions they are taking to achieve improvement. This will include supporting data evidence
- **TSP Development Days:** These events enable qualitative analysis of the TSP performance as a Partnership and discuss areas to be included in the TSP Improvement Plan
- **Board Agendas:** These produce clarity in relation to the link between items discussed at the Board and achievement of the Sustainable Community Strategy
- **Communication:** Effective communication across the TSP structure through regular newsletters, website and TSP Link Officer Group

Partnership Commitment

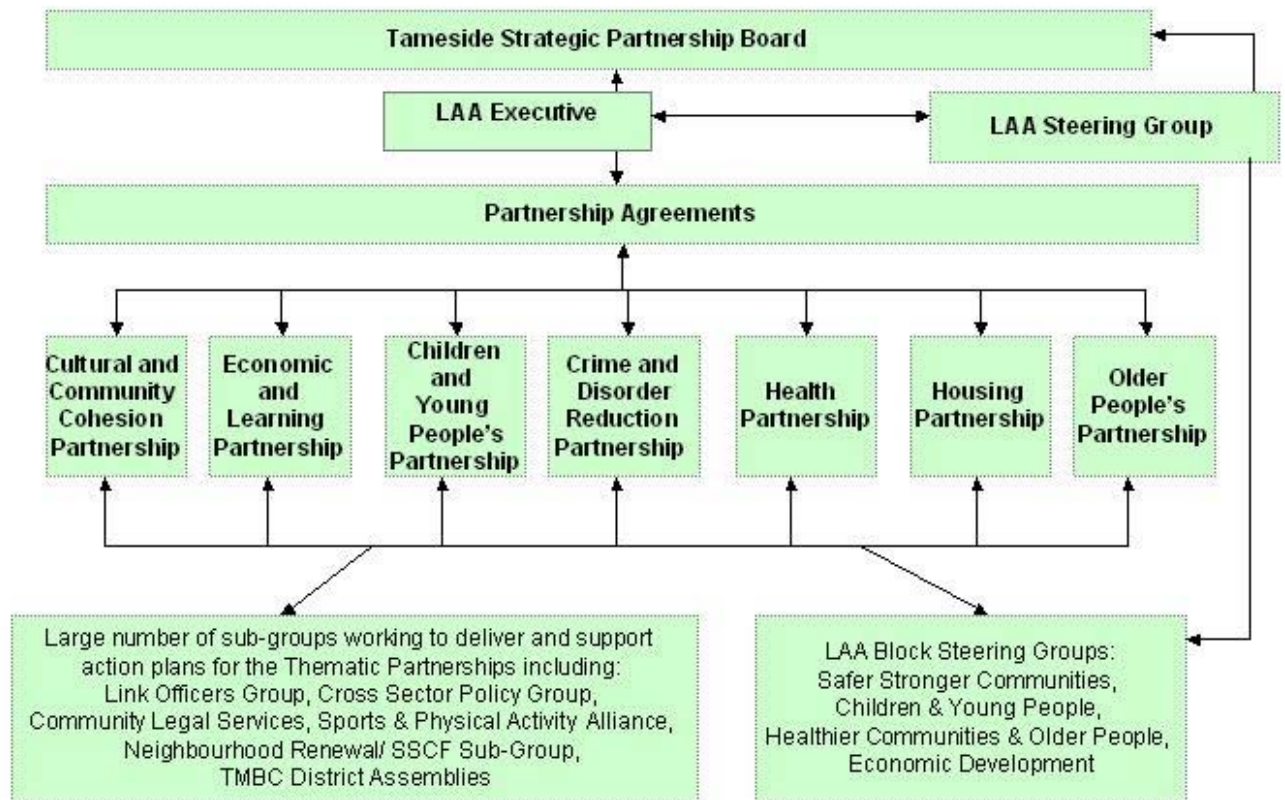
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Chair: Cllr SR Oldham

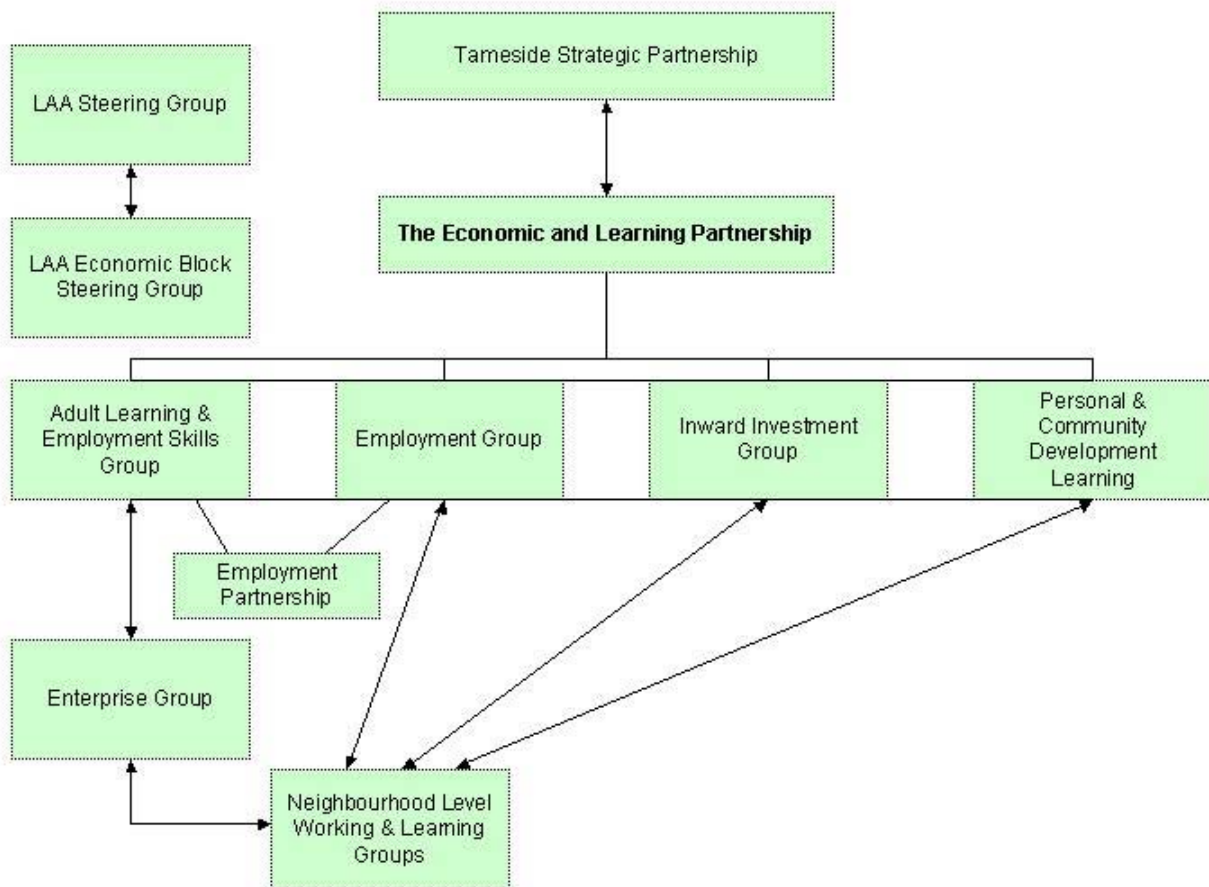
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Chair: Cllr Kieran Quinn

The Structure of the Tameside Strategic Partnership



The Structure of the Economic and Learning Partnership



Partnership Agreement		
Outcome	Performance Indicator	Indicator Source
Learning Community		
Improving skills	Number of Level 1 qualifications in literacy (including ESOL) achieved (NI 161)	The Learning and Skills Council's Individualised Learner Record (ILR)
	Number of Entry Level qualifications in numeracy achieved (NI 162)	The Learning and Skills Council's Individualised Learner Record (ILR)
	Proportion of working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher (NI 163)	Derived by DIUS from the ONS Annual Population Survey
	Proportion of working age population qualified to at least Level 3 or higher (NI 164)	Derived by DIUS from the ONS Annual Population Survey
	Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 4 or higher (NI 165)	Derived by DIUS from the ONS Annual Population Survey
	Skills gaps in the current workforce reported by employers (NI 174)	LSC's National Employers Skills Survey (NESS)
A Prosperous Society		
Increasing employment	Overall unemployment rate (claimant count rate)	DWP via NOMIS
	Number of unemployed in Tameside as a proportion of Greater Manchester unemployed	DWP via NOMIS
	Offenders under probation supervision in employment at the end of their order or licence (NI 144)	NOMS via OASys national reporting/ODEAT
	Working age people with access to employment by public transport (and other specified modes) (NI 176)	Excel spreadsheet produced nationally by DfT.
Increasing enterprise	Median earnings of employees in the area (NI 166)	ONS ASHE

	To maintain the number of self employed in Tameside as a proportion of the GM average (Local 13)	BETA Model
Increasing enterprise	Tameside average hourly earnings (excl O/T) of all employees (full- and part-time combined) relative to Greater Manchester	ONS - ASHE
	New business registration rate (NI 171)	BERR on ONS Websites
	Business start ups (supported) (Local 14)	Business Support Solutions
	Number of VAT registered businesses per 10,000 head of population	BERR via NOMIS
	Percentage of small businesses in an area showing employment growth (NI 172)	ONS - IDBR
	Impact of local authority trading standards services on the fair trading environment	CD database for complaint data and number of complaints against businesses within each authority
Attracting investment	Congestion – average journey time per mile during the morning peak (NI 167)	Journey time data collected centrally for DfT, through GPS devices.
	Previously developed land that has been vacant or derelict for more than 5 years (NI 170)	Data source not yet published
	Satisfaction of businesses with local authority regulatory services	Survey of business customers.
Supportive Community		
Increasing enterprise	People resident in priority neighbourhoods filling jobs from inward investment	TMBC Economic Development Unit
Increasing employment	Number of jobs in Tameside (i) Full time (ii) Part time	Annual Business Inquiry
	Overall employment rate (working age) (NI 151)	Annual Population Survey
	Gap in the percentage of worklessness between average of top 3 highest and bottom 3 ward in the Borough	DWP/ONS
	Working age people on out of work benefits (NI 152)	DWP
	Out of work on benefits - 50+ (Local 12)	DWP
	Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods (NI 153)	DWP
	Flows on to incapacity benefits from employment (NI 173)	DWP/ Annual Population Survey

