Pride In Place Neighbourhood Board

Minutes

Date and Time: 17 November 2026 10-11:30

Location: Benchill Community Centre

Chair: Eamonn O'Neal

Secretariat: Sally Coates

Board Members:

[Resident names redacted from published document - 7 were in attendance]

Karen Wilson, Vice Chair

Sarah Woolley, Vice Chair

Emma Taylor, Councillor for Sharston

Astrid Johnson, Councillor for Woodhouse Park

Sam Lynch, Councillor for Northenden

Mike Kane, MP

Observers and other attendees:

Nicole Banas, Mike Kane MPs office

Apologies:

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The chair welcomed board members to the meeting.

No apologies were received.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Board members did not have anything to declare for this meeting.

3. **Minutes and actions of the Previous Meeting – Matters Arising**

The chair expressed that as the deadline for submitting the regeneration plans in approaching the focus for the meeting would be on the plan and therefore the board went straight to agenda item 7.

4. **Future board meetings**

The chair asked board members to consider the frequency of future meetings, expressing the fortnightly meetings may be too often as we move into the delivery phase of the programme.

He also asked board members to consider the days/times for meetings, suggesting alternate day time and evening meetings might support some board members to attend more frequently.

He also asked board members to consider changing the venue for future board meetings. He proposed using the Creative Space at the Forum in the library, which has been offered at no cost and has disability access and technical facilities. Members provisionally agreed to alternate Tuesday daytime and Thursday evening meetings for about six months, recognizing that no schedule would suit everyone. The first January meeting date was set for Tuesday the 12th at 10 a.m.

The group discussed meeting in December and agreed that they'd like to meet on a more informal basis to celebrate their work across the last 5/6 months.

Decisions

- **Meetings to move to 4 weekly**
- **Meeting to take place alternately between Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings**
- **Meetings to move to the Creative Space at the Forum Library**

5. **Young People representatives**

Eamonn discussed young person representation throughout Pride in place and asked board members if they were still in agreement that the board should recruit two young people as full board members. All agreed.

The board discussed how they can then develop a youth panel with Karen's guidance. Karen explained that conversations regarding what counts as a "young person" and measures for safeguarding can be picked up at a later discussion

Eamonn expressed that in the new year, the board needs to be more robust in working on subgroups so minimize duplication. This will help the board to streamline work and make discussions and decision making more efficient

6. **Communications and Engagements**

Eamonn informed the board that MCC had raised a possible partnership with the University of Manchester, which has worked with other Manchester communities on monitoring and evaluation.

The proposed package includes academic time and PhD students, with user-friendly outputs such as animated videos. He explained that the estimated cost is about £25,000 per PIP area per year, with matched funding from the University to support boards with monitoring and evaluation throughout the programme. Eamonn asked board members

whether they were happy for him to confirm to MCC that the board would like to pursue the idea in principle.

Decision

- **Board members agreed that they'd like to pursue a partnership with UoM to provide monitoring and evaluation throughout the Programme.**

Eddie shared a sample design for a PIP board member jacket with a proposed board logo. Members liked the design as a possible way to make board members recognisable during engagement work, but no logo or branding decision was made during the meeting. The board still needs to complete its brand strategy and needs three quotes for procurement purposes. This led to a conversation around a social media support offer from a local provider.

Emma explained that she will look through previous quotes received to see whether there are any that contain a social media offer.

Eddie explained that he has received a second quote from a social media partner and confirmed he will share this with Emma

Action - Eddie to send social media quote to Emma

Action - Emma to check whether the board has received any other social media quotes

7. **Regeneration Plan**

The draft regeneration plan was sent to board members a week before the meeting, and board members attended with any additions and amendments.

The board reviewed the wording for priority number 5 and the revised draft provided by Duncan. Board members asked that digital exclusion is added to the list of factors that can make managing health conditions harder.

Further revisions for other sections agreed were;

- Add Ss John Fisher and Thomas More RC Primary to the list of schools in section 2.
- Refer to the Community Celebration Day
- Add schools and colleges to section 6.2 alongside local partners, GMP, and registered social landlords.
- Remove the reference to the number of registered volunteers in Section 4 as members considered the sentence unhelpful.
- Describe the methodology as having informed the board's work and the development of the ten-year vision for section 1.
- Remove the M6 reference and avoid saying that roads "divide" the area. Retain the M56 and M60 as examples of major roads that have affected it.

The board agreed that the plan was signed off subject to the above amendments being made.

8. **A.O.B**

Eamonn explained that MCC officers have put together an indicative investment plan to submit to the MHCLG with the regeneration plan. He explained that the chair's sign-off is enough for the interim submission; the board will review the plan in more detail in the new year, and this can be amended for future submissions. He confirmed he would share it with board members but asked them to note that it is a high-level submission for MHCLG requirements and not a final investment plan.
He explained that is includes management costs for support from MCC as well as things like estimated costs for board expenses.

Eamonn updated board members to let them know that fiscal host quotes have been requested by 7th December 2026 and once received, the board can review them to enable them to appoint a fiscal host. The board expressed how they would like to use one organisation for both expenses claims and a small grants programme. Eddie asked that the board also consider any social value offer when appointing a Fiscal Host.

This led to conversation around the small grants programme. The subgroup will provide details at a future meeting, outlining the application process, etc. The board can then discuss how decisions can be made

Sally explained that she will send the allowances and expenses documents to board members and asked them to sign and send back the form.

Action – Duncan to prepare small grants information to share at the January board meeting

Action – Sally to send allowances and expenses document to board members

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

12th January 10-11.30 at the Forum Library