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Pride In Place Neighbourhood Board

Minutes

Date and Time: 20.10.2026 18:00 – 19:30

Location: Manchester Youth Zone

Chair: Tom Woodcock

Secretariat: Sally Coates, MCC Neighbourhood Project Lead

Board Members:

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

Paula Appleby, Vice Chair

Dave Godfrey, Councillor

Observers and other attendees:

Apologies:

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

Tom welcomed board members to the meeting and paid tribute to the late Cllr Pat Karney; the board took a moment to reflect and pay tribute to Pat's public service.

Board members suggested Pride in Place could support a tribute in Cllr Karney's honour with suggestions made around a bench in his name in a park or green space in the area.

Apologies received:

Cllr Jasmine Darr

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Board members had nothing to declare

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3. Minutes and action of the previous meeting – matters arising

Sally confirmed she had spoken with the City Council's allotment lead who advised there a long waiting lists for allotment plots across the City. Board members mentioned that some allotments are not maintained. Sally explained that this is something that the allotment lead investigates and when the time is right, we could invite him to a meeting to see how PIP can support allotments to be thriving community spaces.

Chrissie explained there is a community garden on Brentford Street that isn't maintained. Christine raised that Harpurhey Neighbourhood Project could benefit from help with their garden area.

The action to arrange a meeting with GMP, Housing Services and Waste and Recycling is outstanding. Sally explained that she has reached out to services to ask which officer should be invited. Paula confirmed that she would like to meet with partners first to share information around Pride in Place and then would like to arrange a public meeting to give residents the space to speak with partners to raise issues/concerns and to discuss opportunities.

Tom provided an update regarding a fiscal host explaining that the board will need to obtain three quotes before they can appoint an organisation, and he confirmed that work has begun to obtain these.

4. Regeneration Plan Update

Tom explained that the City Council are providing information for the regeneration plan but that as a board, they need to write the engagement section and the priorities section. Tom explained that he will produce a draft and circulate this by 3rd November and ask all members to review this ahead of the board meeting on 10TH November. All agreed that they will support this.

Paula advised she will set up at Harpurhey Neighbourhood Project to review the regeneration plan with any board members that want to meet in person on Friday 6th November at 3PM

Action – Tom to circulate draft engagement and priorities sections for regeneration plan.

Action – Sally to send an invite to board members for a regeneration plan session on 6th November.

5. Development of thematic sub-groups

Tom explained that the board will be able to bring in other residents to join subgroups to contribute to conversations and decision making. He further explained that these subgroups are based around the priorities which were previously agreed, which are;

- Community Safety
- Better maintained parks and public spaces
- Cleaner Streets and Neighbourhoods
- Improving opportunities for children and young people

Board members asked again for a meeting to be set up with GMP, Housing and Waste and Recycling to discuss the safer and cleaner streets and neighbourhoods work.

Christine mentioned issues with fireworks at this time of year. Subtain explained that as a group the board could work to educate residents about how to report issues such as fly tipping, trading standards issues or to request services such as bulky waste collections. Tom suggested that Trading Standards also be invited to subgroup meetings.

Chrissie raised the point that when looking at communications material, it is important to have things produced in other languages and Paula added that Harpurhey District Centre have agreed that the board can have a permanent notice board at the Centre to use to share information with residents.

Tom then brought in Matt to discuss some feedback he has received regarding young people. Matt explained that he has had a recent conversation with FC United and shared feedback from them regarding challenges for young people in the area. This included barriers to taking part in sport, such as not being able to afford sports equipment or pay their subs, A lack of access to facilities was also raised as an issue. There was also information shared to express that antisocial behaviour in the community interrupts sessions that they run. Board members discussed options for the board to support young people to access clubs and activities. FC United have also provided feedback to Matt around what they think would help such as funding a new facility or supplying young people with kits and sports equipment.

Tom asked board members to convene meetings for subgroups.

Tom then introduced the third priority to the meeting, parks and green spaces. Councillor Godfrey discussed potential for improving Queen's Park. Board members discussed the opportunity to create a real community hub within the park. Tom expressed that there are opportunities to improve other green spaces throughout the Pride in Place area too. Paula then highlighted that if buildings and spaces are improved, organisations/people are needed to run and maintain them if we want to create real, tangible changes to levels of antisocial behaviour or opportunities for young people, as examples.

Amber echoed this by expressing that longevity and sustainability are key because the young people that she speaks with express that they don't attend projects because they run for 6 weeks and then stop.

Paula expressed that she is keen for board members to weave inclusion into everything that the board does, so that everybody feels welcome.

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6. **A.O.B**

Subtain discussed the procurement of merchandise such as hoodies that board members can wear to let the public know who they are and that they're working on Pride in Place. Subtain will get some quotes and bring information back to the board.

Amber asked if there is an opportunity to support schools purchasing coats in the winter for children and adults. Chrissie confirmed that Winning Hearts and Minds support this and that if Amber contacts her separately, she can support this offer.

Paula suggested the board need to employ somebody to work on comms and engagement because the board won't have the capacity to lead on this moving forward. Tom agreed the board can discuss this further.

Tom explained to the board that the radio station has been in touch to extend an invite to a PIP board member to join their board. Tom explained the station will need to demonstrate a sustainable action plan. Tom asked whether members are happy for him to speak with the station; all agreed.

Paula asked whether members would be happy to join a whats app group. All agreed they are happy to do this, and all members will send their phone numbers to Sally or Paula to be added.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

10th November 2026