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Pride In Place Neighbourhood Board

Minutes

Date and Time: 10th November 2026 18:00-19:30

Location: Manchester Youth Zone

Chair: Tom Woodcock

Secretariat: Sally Coates

Board Members:

[Resident names redacted from published document – 6 were present]

Paula Appleby, Vice Chair

David Godfrey, Harpurhey Councillor

Observers and other attendees:

Apologies:

Yasmine Dar, Moston Councillor

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The chair welcomes everybody to the meeting.

Apologies received from Councillor Dar and a resident board member.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Board members had nothing to declare for this meeting.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and signed off as an accurate record of the meeting.

Paula provided an update on the engagement session that took place on 6th November 2026. This session was a brief hour-long session, and 30 people attended with some really useful engagement/conversations taking place. Jay added that she is keen to continue engagement, and board members expressed that they are keen to learn from this session and continue to engage as often as possible with residents. Things to consider include the timing of the sessions so that school run times aren't affected as well as opportunities to engage with children and young people.

Tom provided an update to let board members know that he attended a meeting with North Manchester FM with colleagues from other Pride in Place areas. He explained that North Manchester FM are working to re-establish themselves. He made recommendations to the board that they consider building a relationship with North Manchester FM to support communications for Pride in Place. Cllr Godfrey asked what their ask is. Tom explained that they are keen to generate financial support and that their running costs are approximately £15,000; the Clayton and Newton Heath Pride in Place board are considering how they might also work with the radio station and share costs. The board agreed to discuss this in detail at a future meeting and have asked to see a proposal.

4. Board Check in

Board members expressed that this is their first time sitting on a board and that it can be quite overwhelming. It can be nerve-wracking speaking up in a meeting setting. Cllr Godfrey expressed that this is completely normal and expressed that people don't have to say everything they want to in the meeting setting; they can reach out outside of meetings to the chair or to others.

Some board members expressed that they don't feel as involved as others yet and are worried that they aren't contributing effectively. Paula offered to meet people to have a coffee and a chat to support people to feel involved.

Board members expressed that they are passionate about Harpurhey and that this can sometimes come across as argumentative or intimidating and that this is not their intention. Others expressed that this makes them feel uncomfortable. The board collectively discussed this and agreed that they all come from a good place and are supportive of helping others to feel listened to and comfortable.

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5. **Regen Plan**

The chair shared a hard copy of the regeneration plan with all board members and explained that he'd like to review the plan as a group to fill any gaps in information.

He explained that this is a high-level plan and that it does not need huge levels of detail in terms of specific interventions; it needs to contain the priorities that the board has chosen with information around why they have chosen them.

The board then read through the plan together. The chair explained that Sally will send an electronic version and has asked board members to email comments for changes to Sally by 17th November.

Consideration was given to wording for the priorities and the board discussed this collectively.

Sally explained that board members will be required to sign off the plan at the next board meeting on 24th November 2026 and so it is vital that they use the next week to share their thoughts/ideas for the plan.

6. **AOB**

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

Future Board meetings:

- 24th November 2026