



Neighbourhood Board Induction



PRIDE IN PLACE

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Programme Overview



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The Pride in Place Programme is a hyper-local programme delivering £19.6m of funding over the next 10 years into areas identified as 'doubly disadvantaged':

- highest levels of deprivation
- weakest social infrastructure.

This funding will be used to support local priorities and long-term improvements.

A core principle of the Pride in Place Programme is **community power**. This means that residents and local stakeholders, through the Neighbourhood Board, are the primary decision-makers about priorities, investment and the future of their area. The programme is designed so that decisions are made by the community, for the community.

The Community, through the Neighbourhood Board, will decide how to prioritise funding, across three core objectives:

- **To build stronger communities** – All places should have strong relationships and a collective sense of belonging to their community. This helps bring people together to build community cohesion and resilience, helping people to feel proud of their area and safe in their neighbourhood.
- **To create thriving places** – Every part of the UK deserves to have vibrant neighbourhoods and communities with busy high streets, a good range of local amenities and high-quality physical infrastructure.
- **To empower people to take back control** – Talent is spread equally but opportunity is not. Everybody should be empowered and in control of their lives and have a say over the future of their community.

Interventions

A set of nine interventions have been provided to help guide how money can be spent on the programme. This list is not exhaustive, and Neighbourhood Boards are encouraged to think innovatively and creatively about how to deliver the objectives of the Programme, making sure decisions meet local needs.

Regeneration, High Streets and Heritage

- Improving green spaces community gardens, watercourses and embankments
- Local arts, cultural, heritage and creative initiatives
- New community and neighbourhood infrastructure projects, or for improvements to existing ones

Community Power

- Engagement activity to give communities a role in decision-making.
- Give communities a role in the design and delivery of local services
 - Enable community wealth building

Cohesion

- Impactful volunteering and social action projects
- Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society, youth and community groups

Housing

- Modernising social housing
- Local community initiatives that support people in bringing down their energy bills and improve energy efficiency
- Establish land trusts for the purpose of creating community-led housing to meet local needs

Health and wellbeing

- Local sport and activity facilities, events, teams and leagues, to foster community engagement and connection
- Preventative public health initiatives and campaigns
- Drug and alcohol support for people with experience of homelessness and tough sleeping

Education and Opportunity

- Support and growing the local social economy
- Reduce levels of child poverty and to prevent the negative impacts of child poverty on children and families
- Funding to help families with the cost of childcare where it may alleviate cost of living pressures, or support employment
- Support for community-based learning and development

Work, Productivity and Skills

- Developing and expanding existing local business support and networks for smaller business and social enterprises
- Skills and provision tailored to local opportunities and skills gaps

Safety and Security

- Design and oversight of the built and landscaped environment to 'Design out' crime and encourage positive behaviour
- Interventions to tackle ASB, crime and minimise reoffending
 - Improved town centre management

Transport

- New, or improvements to local road networks to improve access within and to the town
 - Reducing vehicle emissions
 - Improve local bus services

Programme Funding Allocation (10-Year Profile)

Each Manchester Pride in Place area has been allocated **£19.6m** of funding over the next 10 years.

The grant is split into two parts:

- **Capital Funding** - Can be spent on creating or developing physical assets
- **Revenue Funding** – Can be spent on day-to day running costs and activities

Lower funding in early years reflects phased programme ramp-up

This table shows how the fund will be allocated over the next 10 years:

Grant Type (£ms)	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34	34/35	35/36	Total
Capital Funding	0	0.12	0.67	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	12.43
Revenue Funding	0.15 capacity	0.27	0.69	0.69	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	7.17
Total	0.15	0.39	1.36	2.15	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	19.6

Revenue funding can be used flexibly across the programme. However, in the early years, this should primarily focus on:

- **Building local capacity**
- **Community engagement and consultation**
- **Supporting the Board**

How the fund will operate

The Programme is split into 3 investment periods:

- Period 1: April 2026 to March 2030 (4 financial years)
- Period 2: April 2030 to March 2033 (3 financial years)
- Period 3: April 2033 to March 2036 (3 financial years)

To ensure the programme retains momentum in delivery, Boards should consider the following parameters:

- within each investment period, the Board must forecast to spend 25% of the cumulative allocation for the investment period
- By the end of Year 7 (end of Period 2, March 2033) the Board must have spent at least 50% of the cumulative total allocation

At the end of each financial year, places will be asked to submit a spend profile for that year alongside a refreshed forecast.

The funding is flexible, but forecasts should be realistic. Funding cannot be brought forward into earlier years but there is the ability to forecast the intention to roll underspends into later years.

Capacity Fund – Purpose and Overview

- Each Pride in Place area received a £150,000 advanced Capacity payment, to support with Board establishment and early community engagement. The Local Authority in agreement with the local MP can decide how this fund is utilised in advance of the Boards being established.
- The Capacity payment can support:
 - establishing and running the Neighbourhood Board
 - carrying out community engagement, which can include passporting money directly to voluntary and community sector groups to assist with engagement.
 - developing Pride in Place Plans
 - securing advice and expertise for Neighbourhood Boards for the technical elements of the plan development and delivery (support available from MHCLG to minimise use of consultants)
 - ensuring capital and infrastructure interventions can hit the ground running, for example, kickstarting the planning application process, securing architectural plans and obtaining legal advice, or any other activity that local authorities and Boards consider will progress plans
 - delivering “quick wins” which the community have requested through the engagement,
 - the local authority may choose to provide modest remuneration to the Neighbourhood Chair for their time
- Once the capacity payment is spent, areas are expected to use their revenue allocation to fund these activities alongside other delivery priorities.

Key Milestones

Date	Phase 2 Funding Timeline
Summer 2026	Neighbourhood Boards to confirm membership and any proposals to alter the 'default' area boundary to MHCLG by 17 July 2026 (Moss Side West 28 August 2026).
Autumn 2026	MHCLG to review membership and boundary proposals and confirm whether acceptable.
Winter 2026/27	Neighbourhood Boards submit PiP Regeneration Plan & 4 Yr Investment Plan to MHCLG 30 November 2026 (Moss Side West 26 February 2027).
Spring 2027	MHCLG approve Regeneration Plan. Commencement of delivery phase.

Engagement Activity

Since January 2026, the Council in partnership with VCSFE organisations have delivered an extensive programme of early engagement activity to raise awareness of Pride in Place in local areas, build trust with communities and understand local priorities and challenges.

Phase 1: Early Engagement (Jan 2026 to July 2026)

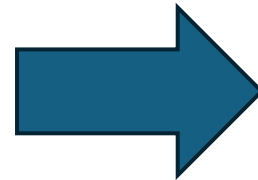
Phase 1 focused on establishing a strong evidence base to inform local priorities and initial board development and decision-making.

- MCC Neighbourhood Services held conversations with communities through local events and outreach activity.
- A **micro-grants programme** was set up, enabling grassroots and VCSFE organisations to lead engagement with underrepresented and hard to reach communities.
- Engagement activity built on existing community networks and engagement forums.

Tools, Insight and Data

A combination of existing data and new engagement tools have been used to build a local evidence base.

- Existing datasets and previous consultation findings have been reviewed and used to inform the programme
- New engagement tools developed, including:
 - Surveys and targeted engagement materials
 - Digital and social media campaigns
 - Promotional activity to support Board recruitment



Phase 2: Board-led engagement and Plan Development

Neighbourhood Boards will build on this engagement to:

- Validate and refine local priorities
- Deepen engagement with communities
- Shape and develop Pride in Place Regeneration and Investment Plans

Consultation Response: Priorities

- Outcome based on 1,413 responses
- Respondents ranked themes that would have the biggest impact on them in their neighbourhood in order of importance (1 = most important)

Priorities	Total Score	Overall Rank
Tackling antisocial behaviour, better lighting and community safety measures.	6513	1
Improvements to litter, fly-tipping, street cleaning, parks and shared spaces.	5788	2
Safer places and more activities for children and young people.	5221	3
Creating more opportunities for people to connect, volunteer and come together.	4325	4
Improvements to housing conditions and dealing with repair issues.	4171	5
Better access to jobs, skills, health and wellbeing support.	3653	6
¹ Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is a sum of all weighted rank counts.	answered	1413
	skipped	0

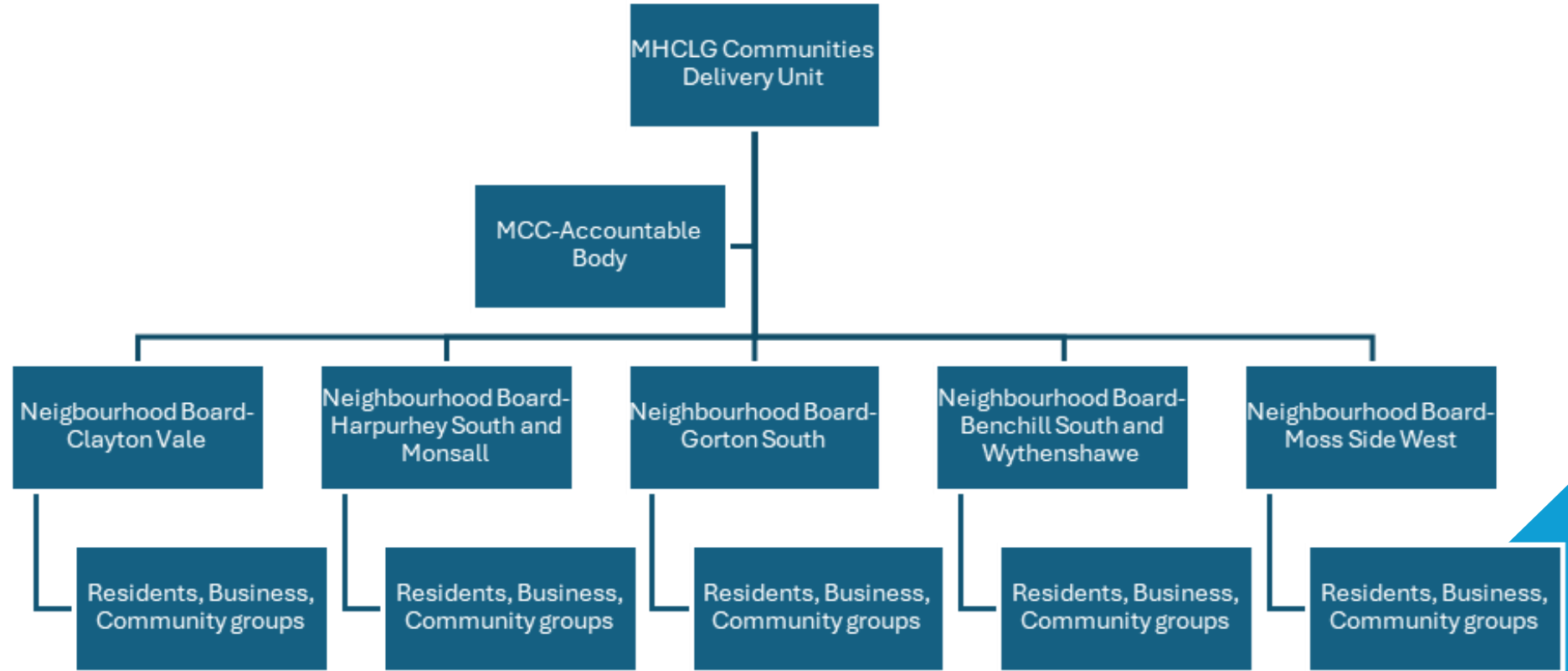


Governance & Roles



Governance Structure

The current governance structure for the programme is:



Accountable Body – Manchester City Council

As the Accountable Body, the Council will:

- Act as the conduit between MHCLG and the Neighbourhood Boards
- Manage the programme funding on behalf of the Neighbourhood Board, in line with the Investment Plan
- Ensure that all funding decisions are appropriate, fair and transparent
- Provide advice, guidance and support to the Neighbourhood Boards to enable effective decision-making and delivery
- Provide secretariat and administrative support to the Neighbourhood Board, including organising meetings and supporting programme activity
- Take formal decisions where required, in line with the Council's governance and decision-making processes
- Ensure compliance with all relevant legal and regulatory requirements, including procurement, subsidy control and financial regulations

Roles and Responsibilities

Neighbourhood Board will work together to:

- agree priorities for the neighbourhood;
- decide the long-term vision for the area in the form of a **10-year Development plan**;
- agree how funding should be used in the form of a **4-Year Investment Plan**;
- listen to, represent and act on the views of residents and local organisations;
- oversee progress and provide constructive challenge to ensure the programme is delivering effectively;
- make sure decisions are fair, open and inclusive;
- communicate clearly back to the community about progress and decisions;
- act as advocates for the Pride in Place Programme within the neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Board Chairs will:

- lead the Neighbourhood Board, including recruitment;
- run meetings in a fair, inclusive and constructive way;
- ensure the views of residents and Board members are heard and respected;
- agree agendas, set priorities and identify key topics for discussion;
- act as a key point of liaison between the Neighbourhood Board and Manchester City Council;
- represent the Board at external meetings or events where agreed.

Neighbourhood Boards are the primary decision-making body for the programme.

Neighbourhood Board – Membership

Neighbourhood board membership must;

- Include at least **51% of members who live or work within the defined boundary area**, to ensure decisions reflect the priorities of the community.
 - Have a minimum of **eight members** serving the board, ensuring the Board remains effective and manageable
 - **Reflect a broad range of local experience**, including lived experience, skills and perspectives relevant to the Pride in Place Programme
 - Be **reviewed periodically, and at least every 4 years**, to make sure it remains inclusive, representative and effective.
 - Maintain a **balanced representation across sectors**, including community, business, public and voluntary sectors
 - Differentiate between formal 'voting' Board members and 'non-voting' advisory/support roles
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