Clayton Vale Pride In Place Neighbourhood Board

Minutes

Date and Time: **Thursday 9 July 2026, 11:30 - 13:30**

Location: **Beacon Centre, Clayton**

Chair: Andrew Wickens

Secretariat: Craig Neate, Manchester City Council

Board Members:

[Resident names redacted from published document]

Jim Battle, Vice Chair

Carmine Grimshaw, Vice Chair

Lucy Powell, Member of Parliament for Manchester Central

John Flanagan, Councillor for Miles Platting and Newton Heath

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Observers and other attendees:

Ben Williams, Office of Lucy Powell MP

Alison Bacon, Manchester City Council, North Manchester Neighbourhood Lead

Apologies:

Sean McHale, Councillor for Clayton & Openshaw

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The Chair, Andrew Wickens, welcomed attendees to the first meeting of the Clayton Vale and Newton Heath Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board and thanked everyone for attending. Introductions were made by those present.

Lucy Powell MP addressed the board members and provided an overview of the Pride in Place programme, outlining its purpose and ambitions for the area. She thanked Board members and attendees for their commitment to supporting the programme.

Apologies received:
Sean McHale, Councillor for Clayton & Openshaw

2. **Declarations of Interest**

The Board's Declaration of Interest form was circulated to members at the start of the meeting, to register any actual, potential or perceived interest.

It was noted that some members had requested to complete and submit their declarations electronically following the meeting.

No declarations of interest were raised under this agenda item

ACTIONS

- Declaration of interest form to be reshared with members electronically for those that have not completed the form.

Note: A declaration of interest was made by Jim Battle later in the meeting during discussion of the proposed boundary adjustments.

3. **Programme Overview**

A Programme Overview presentation was circulated to members in advance of the meeting to provide an introduction to the Pride in Place Programme.

Alison Bacon invited questions from Board members regarding the Programme; no questions were raised during the meeting. Alison also offered to meet separately with Board members should they require further information or a more detailed briefing on any aspect of the Programme.

Alison outlined the key programme milestones:

- **17 July 2026** – Deadline for Manchester City Council to submit Board Membership Confirmation and Pride in Place Boundary Confirmation.
- **30 November 2026** – Deadline for submission of the 10-Year Regeneration Plan and 4-Year Investment Plan.

The Board noted the update and the forthcoming programme deadlines.

ACTIONS

- None

4. **Terms of Reference, Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policy [Add text]**

The Board considered the draft Terms of Reference, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policy together with the wider governance arrangements for the programme.

Key discussion points included:

- The Terms of Reference should be viewed as a foundation document that can be reviewed and updated as the programme develops.
- Transparency should be a key principle of the Board's work, with meetings, decisions and information made publicly available wherever possible.
- The ToR has set out clear ways of working for the board that we should collectively agree to adhere to.

Further discussion points relating to how the Terms of Reference can be developed further, and how the Board will work in practice, were discussed:

- Social media arrangements will need further consideration, including whether the Board develops its own public-facing channels such as Facebook and their own website.

Action - Social media guidance has been provided to Board Chairs and will be shared with all members.

- The frequency of future meetings needs to be considered. It was recognised that the Board may need to meet regularly during the early stages of the programme to ensure the Regeneration Plan is developed within the required timescales. Members' availability during the August holiday period will also need to be taken into account.
- A proposal was put forward for a detailed presentation on the Clayton Vale Boundary area to provide all Board members with a full understanding of the priorities and challenges across Newton Heath and Clayton. It was suggested that a

tour/walkaround of the area, similar to that previously arranged for MCC and MHCLG officers, could also be organised.

Action – Alison Bacon will facilitate a tour and detailed presentation of the area at a future date, subject to agreement by the Board.

- Members raised questions they had received from residents regarding how they could be assured that the issues they raise would be considered as priorities by the Board.

In response, Alison Bacon explained that over £40,000 of Pride in Place funding has been allocated to local voluntary and community organisations to support engagement activity and raise awareness of the programme. An event is being planned for voluntary and community groups to provide an opportunity to present to both the Board and residents the priorities and key challenges identified through their engagement activities.

- Members recognised the importance of understanding existing provision across both neighbourhoods before commissioning new activity.
- Existing services, assets, projects and community activity should be mapped to avoid duplication of spend and maximise opportunities for partnership working and match funding.
- It was recommended that Pride in Place branding is used to identify where Pride in Place investment has been made so that residents are informed of the work being delivered through the programme. A suggestion was also made to involve local school children in developing the branding further.
- The Board discussed the need for stronger community awareness of the Pride in Place programme and how best to engage residents who are not currently involved.
- The Board agreed that residents should receive regular updates on improvements delivered through Pride in Place funding, including through the use of social media.
- It was agreed that a future meeting should consider a dedicated Communications and Engagement Plan.

Alison Bacon explained that each Pride in Place area had received £150,000 to support initial programme activity and engagement. The next stage will be to bring forward the asset mapping and gap analysis work for consideration by the Board.

Additional Points Raised

Members agreed that Pride in Place funding should provide additional value for the area and should not replace investment that would ordinarily be delivered by public services.
The Board also discussed future opportunities for developing longer-term organisational structures of the board, that could support additional funding opportunities.

Decision

The Board endorsed the Terms of Reference, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy, subject to ongoing review and amendment as the programme develops.

ACTIONS

- Social media guidance to be shared with all Board members.
- Future meeting arrangements and frequency to be reviewed, taking into account programme requirements and member availability during August.
- Alison Bacon to arrange a detailed presentation and tour of the Newton Heath and Clayton area for Board members.
- Asset mapping and gap analysis findings to be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

A future Board meeting to be arranged to consider the Communications and Engagement Plan

5. Proposed Boundary adjustments

The Board considered proposed adjustments to the Pride in Place boundary.
Lucy Powell MP provided background on the process used by Government to determine the initial programme boundaries and explained that opportunities for amendment were limited.

Members discussed the inclusion of several local assets within the boundary area, including:

- Clayton Hall
- Newton Heath churchyard
- Ravensbury Community School

Members noted that investment could still be made in assets and activity outside the designated boundary where there was a clear benefit to residents within the Pride in Place area.

The discussion also highlighted that there are other neighbouring communities facing significant challenges that are not currently included within the programme boundary.

Jim Battle declared an interest during this item.

Decision

The Board approved the proposed amendments to the Pride in Place programme boundary. The boundary proposal considered by the Board forms part of the meeting papers and should be read alongside these minutes

6. Communication and Engagement Update

This agenda item was discussed as part item 4 and item 7.

7. **A.O.B**

Members discussed ways of increasing the visibility of Pride in Place-funded activity within the community.

Suggestions included:

- Developing Pride in Place branding for local improvement projects.
- Involving schools in designing promotional materials.
- Ensuring Pride in Place has a visible presence at upcoming community events.
- Creating and maintaining a shared calendar of community events.
- Displaying information about Pride in Place activity within community venues and libraries.

Andrew Wickens highlighted a community event that he has planned which is taking place at Newton Heath Church on Saturday 11 July.

Alison Bacon advised that promotional materials are available for community events and requested advance notice of opportunities where materials may be required

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

Members agreed that the next meeting should focus on:

- Understanding the Pride in Place area in greater detail.
- Asset mapping.
- Exploring local priorities and opportunities.

Members unable to attend will be briefed separately. No formal decisions will be taken at the meeting.

Next Meeting
Date: Thursday 23 July 2026
Time: 11.30am- 1:30pm
Location: Newton Heath (venue to be confirmed)
Newton heath library/ Newton health working club suggested as venues

Members also discussed the possibility of rotating future meetings across venues within Clayton Vale and Newton Heath, and considering a mix of daytime, evening and weekend meetings to maximise participation.

Future Board meetings:
TBC