

Harpurhey South and Monsall Pride In Place Neighbourhood Board

Minutes

Date and Time: Friday 10 July 2026, 10.00 -12.00

Location: Manchester Youth Zone

Chair: Tom Woodcock

Secretariat: Craig Neate, Manchester City Council

Board Members:

[Resident names redacted from published document]

Paula Appleby, Vice Chair

Yasmine Dar, Councillor for Moston

Pat Karney, Councillor for Harpurhey

Fiaz Riasat, Councillor for Crumpsall

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Observers and other attendees:

Alison Bacon, Manchester City Council, North Manchester Neighbourhood Lead

Apologies:

Graham Stringer MP

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair, Tom Woodcock, welcomed attendees to the inaugural meeting of the Harpurhey South and Monsall Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board and thanked everyone for attending.

Board members introduced themselves and shared their interests and ambitions for the area.

The Chair noted that printed board papers would not normally be provided, but had been made available for the first meeting given the importance of the documents being considered. Members requiring hard copies in future should contact the Secretariat in advance.

Apologies received:

- Graham Stringer MP

2. Declarations of Interest

Members completed Declarations of Interest forms and submitted them to the Secretariat.

No declarations of interest were made in relation to any agenda item.

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 provided an overview of the programme and invited questions from Board members.

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.

Members discussed a number of aspects of the programme, including:

- How funding can be allocated across the intervention themes and the flexibility available to the Board when determining local priorities.
- Arrangements for programme delivery and the support available from Manchester City Council.
- The appointment of a dedicated Neighbourhood Officer who will support the Board and act as a key point of contact.
- Findings from consultation activity carried out to date and whether the citywide results accurately reflected local priorities within Harpurhey South and Monsall.
- Community safety and anti-social behaviour, which members felt were key concerns locally.
- The role of the Board will play in influencing statutory agencies and partner organisations, including Greater Manchester Police, housing providers and Council services.

- Future opportunities for community-led projects and investment through the programme.

Members noted that whilst Pride in Place funding should not replace statutory services, the Board has an important role in highlighting local priorities and influencing partners to respond to community concerns.

The board can also decide to invite representative from statutory bodies to attend meetings so that they are engaged in the programme.

Alison Bacon offered to meet separately with Board members who wished to receive a more detailed briefing on any element of the programme.

Actions

- Programme Team to provide Board members with local consultation findings specific to Harpurhey South and Monsall.
- Once appointed, the dedicated secretariat will introduce themselves to the board.

4. Terms of Reference

Members agreed that the Terms of Reference provide an appropriate foundation for the work of the Board and recognised that they may need to be reviewed and refined as the programme develops.

During the discussion, members highlighted a number of considerations that should help inform the Board's future ways of working, including:

- Ensuring the identity of surrounding neighbourhoods and communities is recognised when describing the area and developing the Board's priorities.
- Exploring opportunities to establish sub-groups or other mechanisms to gather views from a wider range of residents and stakeholders.
- Future meeting arrangements, including frequency, locations, accessibility requirements and whether any element of hybrid working may be appropriate.
- The potential to invite additional individuals with specialist knowledge or expertise to support the Board's work where required.
- Maintaining a community-led approach to delivery and ensuring local people remain central to decision-making as the programme develops.

Members also discussed

- The importance of maintaining strong community engagement throughout the life of the programme and ensuring a broad range of residents are able to influence decision-making.
- The need to consider how the Board reaches residents who may not normally engage in consultation activities and how trust can be built within local communities.
- Developing approaches which support community-led decision making and devolve opportunities to local residents wherever possible.
- Recognising the impact that anti-social behaviour can have on residents' willingness to participate in community activity and engagement opportunities.

In response, Alison Bacon advised that Manchester City Council has developed an initial Communications and Engagement Plan and that £40k from budget has been allocated to support engagement activity so far. It was noted that matters relating to resident involvement, community participation and engagement approaches would be more appropriately considered through the development of the Engagement Plan rather than through amendments to the Terms of Reference.

Decision

The Board approved and adopted the Terms of Reference

5. Code of Conduct

Decision

- The Board approved and adopted the Code of conduct.

ACTIONS

Share social media guidance document that has been developed by MCC communications team.

6. Conflict of Interest

Decision

- The Board approved and adopted the Conflict of interest policy.

7. Boundary Adjustments

The Board considered proposed adjustments to the Pride in Place boundary.

It was noted that the Government-defined boundary excludes a number of important local assets and areas, including Harpurhey District Centre, Moston Lane and several green spaces.

Members were advised that the original boundary set by Government was based on deprivation data and national programme criteria. Concerns were raised that the boundary does not fully reflect local identity and may not align with residents' understanding of the neighbourhood.

Members were also advised that investment could still be made in assets and activities outside the designated boundary where there is a clear benefit to residents within the Pride in Place area.

The Board considered a proposal, included within the meeting papers, to extend the boundary to include Harpurhey District Centre and Moston Lane. Members were advised that this proposal was unlikely to be accepted as it would increase the population size beyond the programme criteria.

Members noted that the boundary will need to be clearly explained through future communications and engagement activity to ensure residents understand the purpose of the programme area and that investment may extend beyond the formal boundary where appropriate.

A proposal was made to undertake a boundary tour of the area to help Board members develop a shared understanding of local assets, challenges and opportunities

Decision

- The Board approved an amended boundary proposal that includes Harpurhey District Centre but not the full inclusion of Moston Lane.

Action

- Alison Bacon to arrange a boundary tour for Board members.

MCC to feedback to Government regarding the programme boundary submission and opportunities for future boundary reviews to better reflect the neighbourhood

8. Engagement Update

Alison Bacon provided an update on engagement activity being undertaken by PRI and highlighted the city-wide engagement findings that had been shared with Board members. It was noted that the next stage of engagement work will focus on understanding the specific priorities and views of residents within Harpurhey South and Monsall.

Key discussion points included:

- Community and voluntary sector organisations have received approximately £40,000 of funding to undertake engagement activity and are keen to share their findings with the Board.
- Idea to make use of venues across the area, feedback to residents the top issues being identified and ask residents to prioritize, so board have better understanding of local people.
- Potential venues for future engagement activity, including Harpurhey Neighbourhood Centre.
- The need to build a comprehensive understanding of local assets, challenges and opportunities before developing future plans and investment proposals.

It was suggested that the next board meeting will focus on asset mapping, bringing together existing data and community feedback, identifying gaps in engagement activity and considering how the Board communicates its decisions and priorities to residents.

Actions

- Engagement findings from community and voluntary sector organisations to be presented to the Board at a future meeting.
- Asset mapping and gap analysis session to be developed and be the focus of the next meeting

9. Record of Decisions

- The Board approved and adopted the Terms of Reference.
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- The Board approved and adopted the Conflict of interest policy.
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10. A.O.B

Key discussion points included:

- A preference for meetings to take place during the early evening, generally from 6.00pm onwards.
- The need to consider personal safety and accessibility when arranging winter meetings.
- A view that meetings should be held monthly during the initial stages of the programme to maintain momentum.
- A preference for face-to-face meetings, whilst retaining the option to consider hybrid arrangements where appropriate.
- The potential role of sub-groups and the importance of engaging young people in the programme.
- Potential venues for future meetings, including Harpurhey Neighbourhood Centre, Manchester Youth Zone and the Harpurhey Museum once refurbishment works have been completed.

It was agreed that future meetings should, where possible, take place between Monday and Thursday evenings. Alison Bacon will circulate proposed dates for consideration by Board members.

The meeting concluded with a group photograph.

Actions

- Alison Bacon to circulate proposed date, time and venue for the next Board meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

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Future Board meetings:

TBC