

**Strategic Housing Partnership
Neighbourhood Management Workstream
Terms of Reference**



The Strategic Housing Partnership

The Partnership brings together Manchester City Council and housing providers from all sectors, alongside other key stakeholders. It will deliver an improved housing offer, ensuring that the housing aspirations of the people of Manchester are met at all points of the housing “ladder”.

Manchester’s Community Strategy provides a clear and over-arching vision to create a city that “meets and exceeds the needs of all residents”. The central spines of the Strategy – reaching full potential, self-esteem and neighbourhoods of choice – provide a framework for delivery that is relevant to all public services in the City.

Housing plays a core, if not explicit, role in achieving this vision. Ensuring that the City has a balanced housing offer is critical to delivering economic growth and social well-being. Housing in Manchester has a strong track record and high profile in both delivering high quality services and in taking innovative strategic leadership. In particular our approach to stock divestment, private sector renewal and integrated work on Respect and worklessness have played a significant part in the successful delivery of the Community Strategy to date.

The SHP will be an inclusive accountable body tied into Manchester Board, led by the Local Authority that brings together stakeholders from social housing providers, private landlords, developers and residents. It will provide the City with the framework to better harness the resources, capacity and skills of all its housing stakeholders.

1 Aims

The Workstream aims to:

- Improve the contribution of the housing sector (public, independent and private) to the management of neighbourhoods in the City.
- Ensure housing supports and delivers the objectives of the Community Strategy and plays a full role in creating and maintaining sustainable neighbourhoods.

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2 Objectives

- **Encourage and Support Stock Rationalisation**

Examine Good Practice examples of stock rationalisation and identify priority areas for changing management or ownership arrangements to support Neighbourhood working.

- **Define Neighbourhood Management**

Explain clearly how the City Council is developing the structures for neighbourhood working (including Ward Co-ordination and District Boards), how Housing organisations relate to these structures and provide an opportunity for partners to influence this development.

- **Neighbourhood Roles and Standards**

Analyse what roles and activities are undertaken by housing providers in smaller area Neighbourhoods. Develop a “job description” or Standards for Neighbourhood Working – setting out what is expected of providers and how they are accountable for their activity in each Neighbourhood.

- **Improve neighbourhood service delivery**

In consultation with all providers, consult on what future roles providers want to take – using the LIFE model or a similar framework to establish which organisations Lead, Influence, Follow or Exit.

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3 Accountability

The Workstream will provide regular update reports to the Providers Forum and Advisory Board, and on request to the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Partnership.

It will deliver agreed outcomes as part of an action plan.

4 Composition/Membership

The sponsor for the workstream will be ?

The nominated lead will be ?

The nominated officer within the City Council will be the Assistant Director of Housing, Investment and Renewal.

Workstream participation will draw upon all member organisations: attendance will be by invitation. Representatives from key services in the Manchester Partnership who can make a contribution to achieving the objectives or inform discussion may also become workstream

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participants. Partner organisations of all sizes should have the opportunity to contribute.

An appropriately senior officer will represent member organisations. To ensure workstreams are able to deliver outcomes at a high level, participants will be expected to demonstrate commitment not only through consistent attendance but also active participation. In the event of a workstream member being unable to attend a meeting, a deputy should be briefed to attend.

Participants must have the authority to commit their organisation to delivery of outcomes

5 Frequency of meetings

Meetings will take place every 2 months.