

Strategic Housing Partnership

**Respect and Community Cohesion Workstream**

Draft 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 ensure the delivery of 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 and quality 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. Integrated work on Respect has played a significant part in the successful delivery of the Community Strategy to date.

The SHP will be an inclusive accountable body tied into the Manchester Board, led by the Local Authority that brings together stakeholders from Registered 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.

Respect and Community Cohesion

Community cohesion is about focusing on what we have in common and how everyone can contribute to Manchester - people who are newly-arrived as well as those who have always lived here.

We can use the diversity of Manchester to help people from different backgrounds get on well with each other - in work, in education, in neighbourhoods and through local community and voluntary groups. People may come from different backgrounds but they should have the same opportunities to benefit from the city's success.

We want Manchester people to understand the contribution they as individuals and their communities make to the city and their neighbourhood. We want people to respect themselves, their neighbours and their neighbourhood; and to trust local institutions to treat them fairly and openly.



<b>Aim</b>	To provide strategic direction for Registered Provider and other provider partners on the approach to delivering respect and community cohesion in the neighbourhoods of Manchester.
<b>Functions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To influence policy by taking part in discussion and decision making</li><li>• To promote the sharing of data between partners to inform policy development to address issues of Respect and Community Cohesion</li><li>• To share and develop good practice amongst providers and develop a strategic approach to Respect and Community Cohesion</li><li>• To monitor progress and support activities in neighbourhoods that encourage Manchester residents to become involved in activities that promote Respect and Community Cohesion</li><li>• To develop, support and monitor the delivery of programmes that will assist in the delivery of Respect and Community Cohesion</li><li>• Report to the Community Cohesion Steering Group, the Strategic Housing Board and any other agency required.</li></ul>
<b>Accountability</b>	The workstream is accountable to the Strategic Housing Partnership Forum and will provide an update to each Forum meeting and a full report annually
<b>Membership</b>	Registered Provider partners and Manchester City Council, and other stakeholders by invitation
<b>Links</b>	Community Cohesion Steering Group Housing Providers Forum Strategic Housing Board
<b>Chair</b>	Rob Ferguson – Deputy Chief Executive at Mosscares Housing
<b>Frequency of Meetings</b>	Meetings to be held bi-monthly.



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