

Slade Lane Neighbourhood Centre – Community Asset Transfer - Invitation to Submit Proposals

Introduction

Manchester City Council is prepared to receive proposals from community organisations based in Manchester, on the future running of the Slade Lane Neighbourhood Centre, 642 Stockport Road, M13 0RZ.

The successful organisation will be invited to enter into a full repair and insure lease with Manchester City Council in respect of the above property. The specific terms of the lease will be dependent upon the nature of the successful bid and will be negotiated with the successful applicant on completion of this process.

Please note that organisations may be invited to work together to deliver services from the premises. A playgroup is currently based in the building. We will consider applications based on both vacant possession, and on working with the current tenant.

Organisations wishing to submit a proposal will be required to detail their plans for the centre by answering the questions in this form. In addition to completing this form, applicants that have not already done so should complete the VCS lettings questionnaire (attached at the end of this form).

Each organisation's response should be detailed enough to allow the Council to evaluate whether the bid represents good value for money and meets the criteria set out in this document.

Please note that the building is Grade 2 listed and in a poor state of repair. It is strongly recommended that interested parties consider the current condition of the building. If you wish to arrange a viewing of the building please contact Georgia Cayton on 0161 234 4659.

Who can apply?

To be eligible your organisation must:

1. Have a constitution
2. Be based in Manchester, preferably with a track-record of working in the Longsight area.
3. Have a board of trustees / management committee comprising people that live and work in Manchester.
4. Be a not-for-profit third sector organisation – this includes voluntary and community organisations, co-operatives and mutual societies, non-governmental organisations which are value driven and which principally invest their surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives.

How your proposal will be assessed

Your proposal should demonstrate:

- That your proposals are focused on the needs of the community. You should demonstrate that there is a gap in existing services and/or proven demand for existing services / activities.
- Support from the local community for your proposals. You must demonstrate that your proposals are supported by local people - this could be through a petition, responses to a questionnaire exercise you have completed locally, a needs assessment you have carried out etc.
- Your organisation's history and experience of developing and delivering a range of services to a diverse community.
- Your organisation's track record of managing a property (or what support you are accessing from a local infrastructure support provider such as Macc).
- How your proposed activities fit against the priorities identified in the Longsight ward plan. These are:

1. A well-managed neighbourhood

- 1.1 *Get the basics right*
- 1.2 *Work in partnership to tackle complex problems*
- 1.3 *Prevent problems down the line*

2. Contributing to a clean, safe and vibrant neighbourhood

- 2.1 *Improved air quality*
- 2.2 *A thriving high street & market*
- 2.3 *Improved recycling rates, reduction in fly tipping & litter*
- 2.4 *Effective domestic & commercial waste management*
- 2.5 *Parks, public, private spaces that are clean, green & well-managed*

3. Improved Health & Wellbeing

- 3.1 *Work with partners to enable people to be healthy & well*
- 3.2 *Support those who need it most working with them to improve their lives*
- 3.3 *Support effective pathways for residents to move into work*

4. An active & engaged community contributing to & driving positive local change

- 4.1 *The voice of young people is represented*
- 4.2 *Longsight being a great place to grow older*
- 4.3 *Supporting the community to create networks & share ideas*

4.4 Use of funding to support the delivery of priorities & build capacity

Applicants may be asked to provide a short presentation of their proposals to council officers. You will be given advance warning of this following the closing of the deadline for applications.

Timetable

The deadline for submitting your proposal is 28 October 2019. Following this a panel of senior officers from the council will score each application and liaise with local elected members to select the organisation that will provide the best selection of services to the local community.

You will be notified of the outcome of your proposal mid-November.

Queries relating to this document.

If you have any queries regarding this document or process, please contact Georgia Cayton on 0161 234 4659 or email g.cayton@manchester.gov.uk, or Jane Dudley on 0161 219 6425 or 07940 737755 or email j.dudley@manchester.gov.uk. Please note however we cannot offer advice on how to write your proposal or the strength of your proposal. If you need support to complete your proposal, help is available from the council's infrastructure support organisation, Macc. They can be contacted on 0333 321 3021 or via the website at: www.macc.org.uk