



## **Manchester Leaders Forum**

### **Call for Nominations**

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#### **Background**

Following a recent review of arrangements within the Manchester Partnership, the Council's Executive has agreed to disestablish the Manchester Board during 2014 and replace it with a Manchester Leaders Forum.

The Manchester Leaders Forum will be a proactive leadership group bringing in leaders in their fields across Manchester to drive the delivery of the city's priorities. The Forum will have a strategic overview of the city's priorities and an enhanced role to support and challenge partners. Membership will be drawn from partnerships across the city and will include a small number of independent members recruited through an open competition. The Manchester Leaders Forum will meet twice per year in full, but will have the flexibility to be active when it needs to be and to work through task and finish groups where required.

Full details, including the background to the review and the priorities for the Forum, can be found within the Executive Committee report on the Council's website at <http://www.manchester.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2039/executive>

#### **Call for nominations**

The Manchester Leaders Forum is seeking to bring together individuals who already play a leadership role in key partnerships at both Manchester and Greater Manchester level. Each of the partnerships listed within the terms of reference are invited to put forward one nomination for the Manchester Leaders Forum (unless otherwise specified). Partnerships may make a nomination as they see fit and should take into consideration the attached terms of reference and person specification.

Nominations should be made no later than 31 March 2014 to Louise Hope at [l.hope@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:l.hope@manchester.gov.uk) or 0161 234 1366. If you require flexibility with timescales for the nomination process then please let us know. Once nominations have been received and independent members appointed, the membership of the Manchester Leaders Forum will be notified to partners.

The Manchester Leaders Forum will meet for the first time on Monday 9 June 2014. This will be based around a workshop which will be the city's first formal step towards setting the agenda for a successor to the current Community Strategy and to shaping Manchester's priorities for the next ten years.



## Manchester Leaders Forum

### Terms of Reference

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#### **Purpose**

The Manchester Leaders Forum provides strategic leadership to the wider partnership on the delivery of the city's priorities of growth, people and place as set out in the Community Strategy.

#### **Objectives**

The Manchester Leaders Forum will;

- identify and address the high level priorities for Manchester, supporting and challenging the wider partnership on the delivery of the city's objectives as they relate to growth, people and place;
- act as the front facing body of the Manchester Partnership, communicating and driving the city's priorities externally and acting as ambassadors for Manchester; and
- promote transparency of dialogue and decision-making across the city, leading creative thinking and collaboration.

#### **Priorities**

The Manchester Leaders Forum will identify key priorities for the city relating to the city's stated priorities of growth, people and place.

##### Growth

Manchester is an engine of growth and has enormous potential to grow further, and to continue to create jobs and economic wealth. As a city we will continue to build on our economic assets and strengths in financial and professional services; creative, digital and new media; advanced manufacturing and life sciences. We will also continue to support Manchester residents to develop the skills they need access jobs and to benefit from the economic success of the city.

##### People

The city's priorities around growth will be linked to our ambitions to support and invest in people through the reform of public services. We will deliver

services that foster aspiration, independence and resilience, and that open up pathways into employment through education and skills. This will help to reduce the demand on expensive, reactive services. We will also continue to ensure that we have the universal services in place to provide support across the city.

### Place

We will continue to create a city which attracts business to locate and invest. We will continue to maintain neighbourhoods where people choose to live and visit. We will ensure that our neighbourhoods attract, support and retain working people and offer a good quality of life for residents. We will have a focus on the needs of our different communities, ensuring that across the city our residents have access to clean, safe neighbourhoods with an attractive housing offer and the high quality range of services and facilities which are critical to the fabric of successful neighbourhoods.

### **Meetings**

The Manchester Leaders Forum will meet twice per year in full, addressing a key priority for the city in a workshop based format which will include external speakers and break out discussions among members. This may lead to the creation of small task and finish groups where these would add value in driving forward key priorities.

### **Governance**

The Manchester Leaders Forum will continue to be tied to the Council's democratic process. It will be accountable to the Executive Committee and subject to scrutiny by the Finance Scrutiny Committee. Members of the Council will be involved in the Forum through partnership board nominations, and the Forum will be chaired by the Leader of the Council.

The strategic overview provided by the Manchester Leaders Forum is supported by the Manchester Investment Board, which has accountability for the development and delivery of the Community Strategy.

### **Membership**

Membership of the Manchester Leaders Forum is drawn predominantly from partnership nominations, with a small number of independent members recruited through open competition.

Membership is for a period of three years commencing in June 2014. Members of the Manchester Board are invited to join the Manchester Leaders Forum for the first year in order to support the transition.



## Manchester Leaders Forum

### Sources of membership

The Manchester Leaders Forum will comprise approximately 40 members, sourced from the following;

Process	Sector	Source of membership
<b>Partnership nomination</b>	Council	Leader Deputy Leaders Chief Executive
	Private sector	Greater Manchester LEP Business Leadership Council Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Private sector representatives
	Voluntary and community sector	Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly Equality leads representing those with protected characteristics Interfaith Hate Crime Forum
	Partnerships (includes public sector)	Manchester Investment Board Health and Wellbeing Board Neighbourhoods Board Work and Skills Board Children's Board Community Safety Partnership Strategic Education Partnership Manchester Schools Alliance Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester Manchester: A Certain Future Steering Group Strategic Housing Partnership Corridor Partnership Board Cultural Partnership Transport for Greater Manchester Committee CityCo Valuing Older People Board Manchester Youth Council / Valuing Young People Board
<b>Open competition</b>	Independent members	Five members recruited through open competition
<b>Transition from Manchester Board</b>	Current Manchester Board members	All for the first year



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### **Person specification**

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The Manchester Leaders Forum provides strategic leadership to the wider partnership on the delivery of the city's priorities of growth, people and place as set out in the Community Strategy.

Members of the Forum will be leaders in their field who are motivated to work together to drive forward the city's priorities and to provide leadership to the wider partnership.

This will include;

- A passion for Manchester, with the motivation to show leadership in driving the delivery of the city's priorities and in improving the quality of life for Manchester residents.
- An understanding of the challenges and opportunities which the city faces, and an ability to respond with strategic thinking built around a shared vision.
- The capacity to lead innovation and creative thinking for the benefit of the city, and to act as an ambassador for Manchester.
- A willingness to apply professional skills, knowledge and experience from a field of expertise to supporting the interests of the city as a whole.
- The ability to promote transparency of dialogue and decision-making, collaboratively supporting the partnership's ability to deliver.
- A robust understanding of the political, economic and social context within which the Manchester Partnership operates.

## Manchester Partnership

### Governance arrangements

The Manchester Partnership brings together the following partnership boards and works together to deliver the city's priorities as set out in the Community Strategy. The Manchester Leaders Forum will replace the Manchester Board at the top of the partnership structure.

