**Stakeholder Communication December 2016**

**Subject: Update on Young Manchester**

As many of you will be aware, Young Manchester is a new charity focused on supporting Youth and Play Services in the city. Our mission is to help improve the life chances of children and young people by giving them access to high-quality, inclusive opportunities.

Over the past six months we’ve developed a strong Board of Trustees comprising highly experienced and committed leaders from across the voluntary and community, private and public sectors.

We’ve also secured support from academics specialising in business and youth studies.

In Autumn 2016 we commenced a recruitment process to appoint Young Manchester’s Chief Executive, a high-profile and demanding role that will require strategic vision, multi-sector experience and a broad set of operational skills. Unfortunately, we did not appoint and are continuing our search.

This process is currently ongoing and we’re hopeful to be able to announce the successful candidate by the end of the first quarter in 2017.

In line with this timeframe, we believe Young Manchester will be in a position to officially launch in April 2017. At this point we will look to build a significant profile for the charity and commence regular stakeholder communications.

We will also continue to work closely with Manchester city council in relation to their youth and play commissioning timelines and transition from April 2017.

The nurturing of cross-sector relationships will be central to the success of Young Manchester, so engaging with our partners and contacts across the city will be a key priority early in the New Year.

If you would like more information about Young Manchester, please feel free to contact me.

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