

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Resolution**

**Report to:** Executive - 7 March 2018  
**Subject:** Corridor Manchester Strategic Spatial Framework  
**Report of:** Strategic Director (Development)

**Summary**

This report informs the Executive of the outcome of a public consultation exercise with residents, businesses and key stakeholders on the draft Strategic Spatial Framework for Corridor Manchester. The report responds to the issues raised, and seeks the Executive's approval and endorsement of the final SRF.

**Recommendations**

The Executive is recommended to:

- i. Note the comments received on the Strategic Regeneration Framework and the response to these comments;
- ii. Formally endorse the principles in the Corridor Manchester Strategic Spatial Framework, with the intention that it will become a material consideration in the Council's decision making as the Local Planning Authority.

**Wards Affected:**

City Centre, Ardwick, Rusholme, Longsight, Hulme, Moss Side

<b>Manchester Strategy outcomes</b>	<b>Summary of the contribution to the strategy</b>
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	<p>Corridor Manchester is economically the most important area within Greater Manchester, with more job creation potential than anywhere else. The area generates £3billion GVA per annum, consistently accounting for 20% of Manchester's economic output over the past five years. The area has more than 60,000 jobs, over half of which are within knowledge-intensive sectors, including health, education and professional, scientific and technical sectors.</p> <p>Assets within the Corridor Manchester area are vital to capture the commercial potential of research and innovation.</p>

<p>A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success</p>	<p>The Corridor Manchester Strategic Spatial Framework sets out the development opportunities to create the optimum environment for the knowledge economy to thrive and grow. Alongside the local business community, the Corridor Manchester contains the city's key knowledge institutions that create a high calibre talent pool. The creation of a range of new employment opportunities and enhanced connections to these roles will assist in retaining talent retention from a critical mass of activity to strengthen the economy.</p>
<p>A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities</p>	<p>Corridor Manchester partners have worked and continue to work on the development of skills to ensure the city can meet its potential.</p> <p>Partners continue to focus on 'Increasing Corridor Manchester's contribution to Economic and Social Inclusion' as an objective of the Strategic Vision to 2025. Enhanced connections to surrounding communities are prioritised, to help spread the benefits of regeneration investment.</p>
<p>A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work</p>	<p>The Corridor Manchester is a neighbourhood of choice that contains a wealth of cultural, leisure and educational assets. These attractions which include The Whitworth Gallery and park, Manchester Museum, Contact Theatre and Manchester Academy, make the area a key visitor destination and a time to spend time.</p> <p>Corridor Manchester is also the home to a leading research and teaching hospital campus which serves the wider region.</p>
<p>A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth</p>	<p>Corridor Manchester partners work together on transport issues on a variety of scales and modes all with the aim of enabling transport services to function within the area, enabling people to travel in a sustainable manner including walking and cycling.</p> <p>The SSF considers connections and routes between surrounding wards; improving wayfinding; and enhancing key transport routes to be important.</p>

**Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:**

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

### **Financial Consequences – Revenue**

None

### **Financial Consequences – Capital**

There are no immediate consequences arising as a result of the framework. If the Council does seek to use its CPO powers in the future, as agreed by the Council's Executive in June 2017, then further reports will be brought to the Executive.

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### **Background documents (available for public inspection):**

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above;

- Corridor Manchester Strategic Vision to 2025.
- Report to the Executive - Corridor Manchester Enterprise Zone (formerly known as GM Life Science Enterprise Zone) - January 6 January 2016
- City Centre Strategic Plan 2015 – 18
- Report to the Executive – MMU Estates Strategy - 28 June 2017
- Report to the Executive – Corridor Manchester Strategic Spatial Framework – 28 June 2017

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 On 28 June 2017, the Executive endorsed, in principle, a Strategic Spatial Framework (SSF) for Corridor Manchester, and requested that the Strategic Director undertake a public consultation exercise in relation to it.
- 1.2 Corridor Manchester is Greater Manchester's most economically important area within, with more job creation potential than anywhere else. The area generates £3billion GVA per annum, consistently accounting for 20% of Manchester's economic output over the past five years. The area has more than 60,000 jobs, over half of which are within knowledge-intensive sectors, including health, education and professional, scientific and technical sectors.
- 1.3 The framework will guide decision-making on future planning applications, and provide an important point of reference in the formulation of future policy and masterplanning work within Corridor Manchester.
- 1.2 This report summarises the outcome of the public consultation on the SSF.

## 2.0 The Consultation Process

- 2.1 Due to the large geographical area that the Corridor Manchester area covers, it was not feasible to distribute letters to in excess of 14,000 addresses. An online public consultation was developed. This included the consultation being advertised on both the Council's consultation homepage ([www.manchester.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/consultations)) and the City Centre Regeneration Team webpage ([http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500113/city\\_centre\\_regeneration](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500113/city_centre_regeneration)). The Council's Communications Team developed a social media strategy which consisted of free message sharing via Twitter and Facebook in addition to paid for targeted promotion of the consultation to those within the post code areas of relevancy to the Corridor Manchester area through 3 Facebook advertisements. The paid ads were timed to coincide with the launch of the consultation, at its mid-point and prior to the closing date.
- 2.2 The free Twitter and Facebook communications resulted in the following impact:

### Twitter

Impressions 11,388  
Link Clicks 118  
Retweets 21  
Likes 7  
Replies 2

### Facebook

Impressions 10,151  
Link Clicks 78  
Shares 2  
Likes 12  
Comments 1

2.3 The paid Facebook advertisements resulted in the following impact:

Impressions - 54,297  
Reach - 20,836  
Clicks to website - 715  
Click Through rate of 1.31%

2.4 The click through rate (CTR) achieved for the consultation of those following the link to the Council's website was very high, the average CTR is 0.90% across all industries and this figure is much lower for local government consultations.

2.5 In addition to promotion through the above online channels communication was also shared with a range of Corridor Manchester stakeholders, partners and city centre forums.

2.6 The consultation closed on 22 December 2017, following a six week period of consultation.

2.7 In total 6 responses were received to the consultation, broken down as follows:

- 3 from individual residents
- 3 from organisations / stakeholders

### **3.0 Consultation comments**

3.1 A Corridor Manchester partner and stakeholder provided specific revisions to the text in the form of general progress updates within sections of direct relevance to themselves. These revisions have been included to ensure that the framework is as up to date as possible. No substantive changes were made as a result of these updates.

3.2 In response to the consultation 4 of the 6 respondents voiced their general support for the SSF, adding comments on how they felt the framework could be further enhanced. The other 2 respondents were business stakeholders within the Corridor Manchester, who both expressed a desire to be further involved in the SSF. Specific comments received included:

3.3 Notification of the consultation was received via Facebook, with the framework looking very promising.

3.4 Underpinned by key intentions that include "connecting spaces", "animation of spaces", and "forming intersections where people can meet", it is essential that the Spatial Framework is coordinated with the development plans of the key large organisations within Corridor Manchester, including the University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University, Royal Northern College of Music and NHS.

- 3.5 It would be interesting to understand to what extent students of universities and hospital patients have been involved in the development of the framework.
- 3.6 The framework's impact on neighbouring areas of the city should be considered. There are global examples of the occurrence of negative effects after large scale regeneration initiatives. Of particular concern is the 'Curry Mile' area of Rusholme and its residential community.
- 3.7 The concept of a well-planned and designed streetscape are a positive, but it is not clear how it is proposed to achieve this considering the city centre constraints of a lack of many green areas and parks, and the road infrastructure and which benchmarks are intended to inform this. Page 18 of the SSF says "New spaces should be well-planned and have a carefully designed streetscape; spaces should be connected and animated." However, this does not acknowledge the existing streetscape at all.
- 3.8 There are too few details to analyse considering the launch of the Internet of Things and Smart City Services and establishing a start-up centre, however it is anticipated that there will be further documents on these.
- 3.9 The Corridor Manchester Strategic Spatial Framework is welcomed in principle, as more could be made of the institutions along Oxford Road.
- 3.10 There appears to be dismissive attitude to what already exists, both in terms of architectural heritage, and in terms of cultures and communities that have built up in the area over many decades.
- 3.11 In terms of architectural heritage, the principle expressed on page 35 of the document that says "In development management terms, new development must respond to its context, be mindful of the amenity of all users and existing residents, and contribute positively to public realm and permeability including with surrounding neighbourhoods", is welcomed. However this is first time in the document this sentiment is expressed. This concept should feature more prominently within the framework. In addition the SSF could add specificity on what this means, as there is already a great deal of built environment in the Corridor Manchester area to which local residents are very attached, in particular the Cornerhouse and the Dancehouse.
- 3.12 Manchester seems to focus on the demolition of old and construction of new buildings which lack character. Instead there could be the innovative use of older buildings and new structures together.
- 3.13 Page 19 of the SSF states that the area lacks the complementary food and drink uses and 'third spaces' (informal meeting spaces and social venues) that positively contribute to quality of life, visitor experience and 'dwell time'. This cites that much of the food and drink offer lacks in quality and diversity, is primarily directed at undergraduate students and focuses on bars and

takeaways. It is unwise to dismiss undergraduates who are a large proportion of the Corridor Manchester community.

- 3.14 Development of a more diverse day- and night-time economy in the area would be positively received, but the Corridor is currently home to several communities and users of the range of existing leisure amenities that are long-standing and integral to the cultural life of the city centre. The framework should also place emphasis on retaining and respecting these deep-rooted communities, as well as adding new things. This would further help to deliver one of the framework's aims of further integrating local residential communities, in particular linking Hulme residents with employment opportunities within Corridor Manchester.
- 3.15 The SSF acknowledgement that retail opportunities should be supported in locations that will attract leisure use, for example where there are existing or proposed cultural anchors, within new mixed-use development schemes.
- 3.16 The framework emphasises developing a sense of 'place', however local residents and Mancunians will tell you that many of the areas within the framework already have a strong sense of place. The document seems to look to Spinningfields for inspiration, which lacks character and is a mass of glass buildings with which the vast majority of Mancunians cannot in any way relate. The framework states that "Spinningfields has in recent years transformed into a destination that people want to visit beyond simply a business meeting". This is refutable for anyone who has walked through the area in the evening and seen that the area is empty.
- 3.17 In relation to the delivery and maintenance of new public realm, developers should learn from Spinningfields. Cities are a combination of cultures and built environments, and you cannot create communities or cultures out of scorched earth. They need to grow organically, with new developments respecting what already exists, both in terms of communities, and also in the buildings in which those communities thrive.
- 3.18 The University of Manchester Students' Union and the Manchester Academy music venues are an independent charity with an annual turnover of around £8.5million. The venues employ 85 full-time and 350 part-time members of staff and each year runs around 370 shows which attract over 350,000 visitors to the venues located in the heart of Corridor Manchester. The University of Manchester Students' Union and the Manchester Academy are not mentioned within the framework as part of the cultural fabric of the corridor (in line with others such as Contact, the Whitworth etc.) As an organisation which supports students and provides services to the wider public, we would very much welcome a meeting to discuss further opportunities to contribute and get involved in the development of Corridor Manchester.
- 3.19 The University of Manchester Students' Union and the Manchester Academy estate is also undergoing a £12million redevelopment project over the next year, which includes a whole range of catering and retail services which are accessible to the public and users of many of the spaces around us.

- 3.20 The SSF makes no reference to and lacks understanding of the Age Friendly agenda. This is surprising given that many of the corridor partners are signed to the agenda. This is a wasted opportunity to carry on public space design and development without excluding older people from the offer. Work has been undertaken with the School of Architecture which could have been included. Without a commitment at this stage to understand what makes older people friendly spaces, it may be assumed that Manchester exists only for the under 50s.
- 3.21 In relation to the document's lack of reference to age friendly issues, walking distances between facilities for a fit 20 year old are not the same for over 70s. Public transport links are poor east to west and the CMFT complex and Whitworth are not accessible by bus from the south in Whalley Range and Chorlton without 2 buses and a walk.
- 3.22 King's Church, a church and a charity is based on Sidney Street, just off Oxford Road and within the SSF area. The church has been an active meeting place since 1986. King's Church welcome the investment that has gone into Corridor Manchester over the last 5-10 years. Approximately 50% of visits to the venue are completed by public transport so the investment in that aspect of Corridor Manchester has been most welcome. Some concerns about the changes that have been made that impact those travelling to the venue by car have been shared in response to the TfGM consultation.
- 3.23 The King's Church is felt to be an asset to the City and to Corridor Manchester Strategy. Within the SSF the desire to re-develop the block of which the Church is part of is noted, and they would welcome further discussion and dialogue on this in due course.
- 3.24 It is important that the voice of small businesses and charities are heard in this consultation alongside those of the larger bodies such as the NHS, Universities and Manchester City Council – all these voices are key to the development of this area.

#### **4.0 Response to consultation comments**

- 4.1 A response to the comments received is provided below, and the SSF has been amended to reflect the points raised where appropriate, as highlighted in the responses below.

#### **4.2 Coordination with key Corridor Manchester organisations and involvement of students & patients**

The Spatial Framework has been prepared on behalf of the Corridor Partnership and takes into account existing policies, estates strategies and adopted development frameworks for Corridor Manchester's strategic development sites, including the strategies of the institutions located within Corridor Manchester.



The Corridor Partners have been fully engaged in the preparation of the draft SSF, which will accompany the Corridor Manchester Strategic Vision to 2025, to identify the spatial principles that support the strategic themes and objectives set out in that Vision. The public consultation has provided an opportunity for involvement by the wider community.

#### **4.3 Impact on Neighbouring Areas**

A key principle of the Spatial Framework is to ensure that new development (both physically and functionally) does not turn its back on local communities, but fosters improved connectivity with adjoining areas to ensure that the benefits of investment and regeneration flow into those areas and that there is access to the wealth of assets located within Corridor Manchester, including employment opportunities, culture, leisure, transport, healthcare and sports facilities.

#### **4.4 Streetscape**

The Spatial Framework proposes that there are many areas of potential improvement to the streetscape, alongside enhancements that have already been made, including opportunities presented by the strategic development sites as well as other planned redevelopment within Corridor Manchester, and this should be guided by the principles established within the document. It is anticipated that further thought may be required by the Corridor Partners as to the design and maintenance of new and enhanced public spaces.

#### **4.5 Technology Initiatives**

The Spatial Framework references already existing projects including the Internet of Things. The SSF notes the importance of these initiatives in achieving more sustainable and smarter cities and to supporting the full economic growth potential of Corridor Manchester.

#### **4.6 Architecture & heritage assets**

The importance of the Corridor Manchester's hugely impressive range of assets is acknowledged throughout the Spatial Framework. The SSF sets out a series of spatial principles to make the most of these assets by promoting good quality design and supporting opportunities for new development to be brought, as well as ensuring that existing assets are safeguarded and enhanced. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the assets. Throughout the Spatial Framework, the principle of new development responding to its context, being mindful of the amenity of existing residents and positively contributing to public realm and permeability is expressed.

#### **4.7 Food & drink offer & leisure amenities**

The Spatial Framework seeks to put in place principles that will support the development of a more diverse food and drink offer, which meets the needs of

all residents, students, workers and visitors to Corridor Manchester. The document has been amended to remove reference to undergraduate students.

Existing assets within the Corridor Manchester, such as cultural venues and leisure and sporting facilities, play an important role in creating a unique environment and strong sense of place, and the Spatial Framework recognises the need to retain and enhance these assets as the area continues to develop. The Framework references both the Northern Quarter and Spinningfields as examples of how a retail strategy can be developed to support the wider commercial aspirations and existing assets of an area; it is not intended to use either location as a template, but to highlight the importance of developing a distinct retail strategy for Corridor Manchester that matches the ambition for the area.

The importance the University of Manchester Students' Union, Manchester Academy and range of other music venues within the SRF area is noted as part of the cultural fabric of the Corridor Manchester. The Spatial Framework has been updated to reference the University of Manchester Students' Union and Manchester Academy noted in Appendix 1 alongside a range of other cultural, sporting and music venues. The redevelopment of these venues has been included in Appendix 1.

#### **4.8 Maintenance of public realm**

Within the framework, the 'Place principles' set out within section 3 outline talk the approach to existing and new public realm. It is the intention that this will be refined over time to develop a robust approach towards the development and maintenance of public realm within the Corridor Manchester area. This detail will be a requirement for all future planning applications.

#### **4.9 Age Friendly Issues**

The framework is a high level document, which seeks to guide future decision-making and masterplanning for the Corridor Manchester, rather than prescribe the detail of how development should be brought forward. It is recognised that it will be important to consider the needs of all users, including older people, in the delivery of new development and the framework has been updated throughout to reflect this.

The Spatial Framework highlights the completed and on-going improvements in respect of public transport provision, which will help to ensure that Corridor Manchester is accessible to all.

#### **4.10 King's Church**

The importance of facilities such as King's Church and Conference Centre is recognised and it has been added to the list of Corridor Manchester Key Assets at Appendix 1. The views and comments of all stakeholders have been carefully considered and adjustments made to the SSF as a consequence of this consultation (section 5.0). The document is a high level masterplan and

set of principles to provide a framework against which detailed proposals can come forward in the future. As such these proposals will be further interrogated and considered at the planning application stage in accordance with national and local policy requirements. As planning submissions are brought forward, residents and stakeholders including SME's will have the opportunity to comment on detailed applications.

## **5.0 Conclusions**

- 5.1 This draft Corridor Manchester Strategic Spatial Framework has been prepared to guide development and investment activity in the area in order to achieve the Corridor Manchester Strategic Vision to 2025. If endorsed, it will provide the framework to guide the future development of the Corridor Manchester, and be a material consideration when considering planning applications in the area.
- 5.2 Specific revisions to the SSF text in the form of general progress updates which includes development and organisational names and general project milestones have been made to ensure that the framework is as up to date as possible. No substantive changes were made as a result of these updates.
- 5.3 The SSF has been updated to reference the key leisure, cultural and community amenities identified through the consultation which include the University of Manchester Students' Union, the Manchester Academy and King's Church and Conference Centre
- 5.4 The framework has been amended to reference the importance of considering the needs of all users, including older people, in the detailed design and delivery of development within the Corridor Manchester
- 5.5 Recommendations appear at the front of the report.

## **6.0 Contributing to the Manchester Strategy**

### **(a) A thriving and sustainable city**

- 6.1 The Our Manchester Strategy provides specific reference to "capture the commercial potential of research and innovation – particularly in advanced materials and at key employment areas such as Corridor Manchester and Airport City". Clusters linked to university expertise will be crucial to the development of the city, and having the ability to work closely with university and health trust expertise is one of the key ways in which Manchester can develop at scale and pace. The assets within the Corridor Manchester area are vital and, therefore, it is important that there is space for businesses to grow which benefit from proximity to the knowledge assets which fuel jobs growth. In order to deliver this growth and economic output, the space for commercial activity and institutional development should be protected alongside the uses which develop an improved sense of place, such as retail, culture and leisure.

**(b) A highly skilled city**

- 6.2 Talent retention, both home-grown and the attraction of global talent, to support the City's growth ambitions, is imperative. The city as well as the universities' offer has to be attractive to ensure we retain the talent required to strengthen our economy. Manchester's future success as an economy depends on a combination of critical mass of students, graduates, universities, public research institutions, research-intensive companies and growth sectors that exist here and work dynamically together. The growth of Corridor Manchester will provide further highly skilled jobs within the city. Enhanced connections are proposed by the SSF, which would provide improved access for residents of surrounding communities to the learning and job opportunities within Corridor Manchester.

**(c) A progressive and equitable city**

- 6.3 For a number of years, the Corridor Manchester partners have worked on the development of skills so the city can meet its potential, with partners continuing to focus on 'Increasing Corridor Manchester's contribution to Economic and Social Inclusion' as one of the objectives within the Strategic Vision to 2025. As highlighted above, enhanced connections to surrounding communities are prioritised, to help to spread the benefits of regeneration investment.

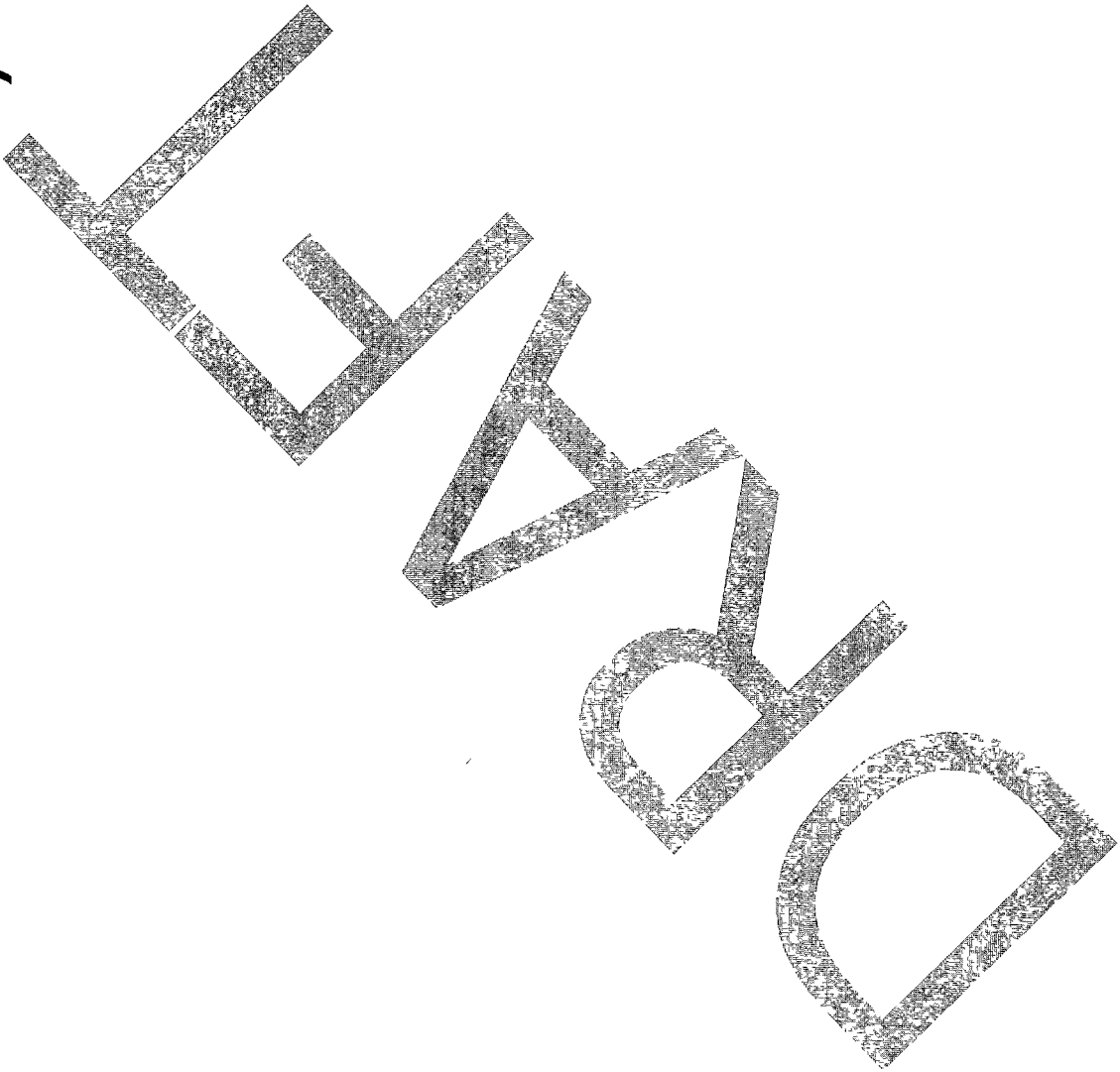
**(d) A liveable and low carbon city**

- 6.4 Corridor Manchester area is a destination of choice, with the cultural venues a key part of the attraction. Also, recognise that harnessing the potential of technology to improve the city's liveability, sustainability and connectivity can be achieved by integrating green and smart ideas into new developments and investment proposals, which is also included in Corridor Manchester's Strategic Vision. The SSF contains a priority to improve public realm and open spaces. All of these factors can contribute to making Corridor Manchester an attractive place to live, work and spend time.

**(e) A connected city**

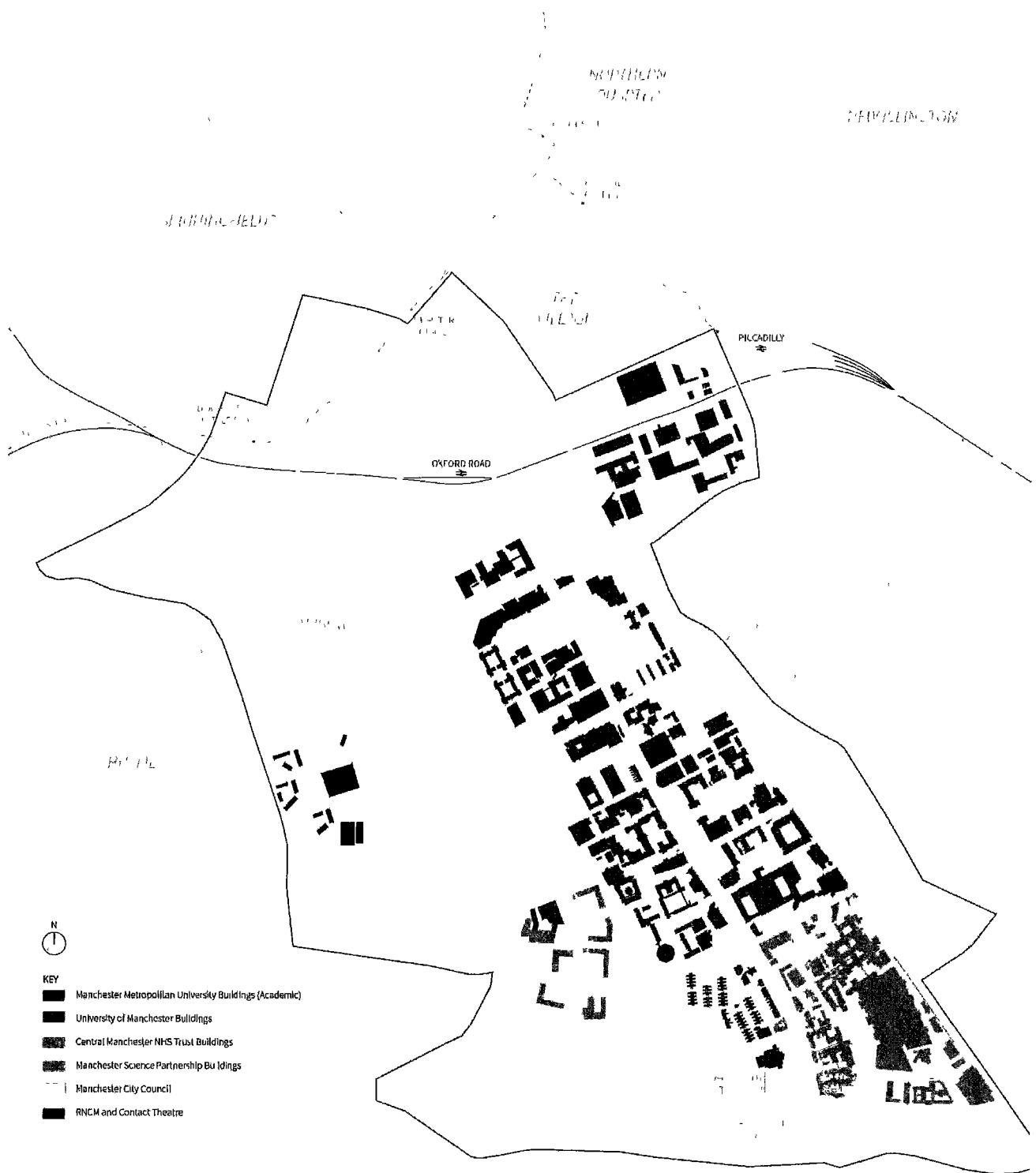
- 6.5 Corridor Manchester partners work together on transport issues on a variety of scales and modes all with the aim of enabling transport services to function within the area, enabling people to travel in a sustainable manner including walking and cycling. The Bus Priority Scheme, delivered on Oxford Road has been transformational in this regard. The SSF also considers connections and routes between surrounding wards; improving wayfinding; and enhancing key transport routes to be important.
- 6.6 If approved by the Executive, the Strategic Spatial Framework will not form part of the Council's Development Plan but would be a material consideration when development control decisions are made.

# Appendix 1 Corridor Manchester Key Assets



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**Figure 3 Corridor Manchester and Existing Assets**



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**Table 3 Corridor Manchester Key Assets**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Institution / Location</b>	<b>Asset</b>
<b>Higher Education</b>	University of Manchester	UoM is one of the top research universities in the UK and is emerging as one of the top research universities in the world, in line with its 2020 Vision. There are 25 Nobel Prize winners amongst its current and former staff and students. It is where the majority of Greater Manchester's expertise and capacity in fundamental research is concentrated and the University is in the top 100 institutions globally based on the 2016/2017 Times Higher Education World University Rankings. It is also in the top 50 (ranked in 35 <sup>th</sup> position) institutions globally based on the 2016 Academic Rankings of World Universities, which are produced by Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
	Manchester Metropolitan University	Manchester Met's has research strengths across sciences, arts, education and social sciences. It sits within the top five per cent of UK universities for exercise and sport science and within the top 12 per cent for advanced materials. Manchester Met has links with over 70 professional bodies and associations recognising both the quality and practical focus of course provision. In addition, Manchester Met is highly active in supporting and working with businesses' 183 SMEs have been assisted in the past 12 months through its two main programmes – the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses and Knowledge Action Partnership.
	Royal Northern College of Music	A leading international conservatoire with a reputation for attracting talented students, teachers, conductors and composers from all over the world. RNCM has around 320 teaching staff training nearly 800 students, both undergraduates and postgraduates, to world-class levels in music through a specialised learning programme.
<b>Health</b>	CMFT	Manchester Royal Infirmary – a large acute teaching hospital providing a wide range of complex secondary and specialist services. It is a specialist regional centre for kidney and pancreas transplants, urology, cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery. It has pioneered many medical breakthroughs including being the first hospital in the UK to use a standalone 3D system for prostate cancer surgery.
		St. Mary's Hospital – a regional centre of excellence providing a wide range of world class general and specialist services for women and babies, including maternity, gynaecology, newborn intensive care, clinical genetics, and a sexual assault referral centre.
		Manchester Royal Eye Hospital – one of the largest teaching eye hospitals in Europe and one of only two dedicated eye hospitals in the UK. Globally acknowledged as a centre of excellence, MREH is renowned for its pioneering work in all aspects of ophthalmology.
		Royal Manchester Children's Hospital – a specialist hospital that provides healthcare for children and young people from throughout the North West, as well as nationally and internationally.
		The University Dental Hospital of Manchester – one of the major dental teaching hospitals in the UK. A team of around 300 staff provide general and highly specialised care for patients from the North West.
<b>Cultural and Sport</b>	University of Manchester	Manchester Museum – the UK's largest university museum, with a collection of around 4.5 million artefacts.
	University of Manchester	The Whitworth – gallery spaces, Study Centre, Learning Studio and Collections Centre set within Whitworth Park.
	University of Manchester	University of Manchester Students' Union and the Manchester Academy music venues – an independent charity with an annual turnover of around £8.5million. The venues employ 85 full-time and 350 part-time members of staff and each year runs around 370 shows, which attract over 350,000 visitors to the venues.
	Contact Theatre	Arts venue for young people covering dance, music, poetry and other performing arts.
	Manchester Metropolitan University	Capitol Theatre - an on-site theatre for arts and drama students to host productions with capacity to seat 140 people. This site (along with Mabel Tylecote) is proposed for comprehensive redevelopment, as set out in Table 4.
		Holden Gallery – an ongoing programme of exhibitions that are open free to the public.
		Benzie Building – School of Art building, which accommodates a vertical gallery, workshops, a roof garden and hybrid studio areas offering flexible space.
		Student Union – new Student Union building, which accommodates café and bar facilities, social areas and meeting rooms, study areas, an advice centre and volunteering opportunities office.
	Manchester Metropolitan	Suggden Sports' Centre – the centre offers an excellent range of sport facilities, including gym, badminton, squash,

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Sector	Institution / Location	Asset
	University and University of Manchester	basketball and netball courts, indoor sports' pitches and tennis tables.
	Royal Northern College of Music	Royal Northern College of Music – performance spaces, restaurants, cafes and bars that form part of the RNCM facility on Oxford Road.
	Manchester City Council	Manchester Aquatics Centre – the centre was purpose built for the Commonwealth Games in 2002 and offers a range of facilities including a gym, 50m swimming pool, diving pool, strength space area and health suite.
	Northern Ballet School and Dancehouse Theatre Company	Dancehouse – a five studio dance, arts and performance facility.
	Manchester City Council / Library Theatre Company / Cornerhouse	HOME, First Street – a new £26million cultural facility – including two new theatres, five screens and a gallery space.
	ATG	Palace Theatre – hosts tours of national wide theatre, music and dance productions, venue capacity of 1,955.
	Manchester Concert Hall Limited	Bridgewater Hall – international music and concert venue that hosts over 250 performances per annum, resident venue of the Hallé, the BBC Philharmonic and the Manchester Camerata.
	Manchester City Council	Central Library – Grade II* Listed Building has restored heritage features, such as the reading room, alongside new digital features including a media lounge, equipped with 200 computers and software for would-be filmmakers, designers and gamers.
<b>Commercialisation</b>	Manchester Science Partnerships	MSP Central Campus – a centre of innovation with an international reputation for high growth companies, MSP is home to more than 150 companies, employing over 1,200 people.
	Citylabs	Citylabs provides around 100,000 sq. ft. of laboratory and office space in the heart of the Corridor.
	MedTECH Centre	MedTECH Centre – an incubator for MedTECH and IT companies complementing UoM Bio-incubator. It was established in 2010 and represents a joint venture between TRUSTECH, CMFT and Manchester Science Partnerships. It enables innovators, entrepreneurs, spin-outs and spin-ins to establish themselves on the Corridor, with close and easy access to the clinical test bed.
	University of Manchester Innovation Centre (UMIC)	The Manchester Incubator Centre – providing 86,500 sq. ft. of bioscience incubator space and related infrastructure, which includes 16 turnkey laboratory suites.
	Core Technology Facility	Core Technology Facility – 173,000 sq. ft. of space, providing grow-on and incubation facilities for biotechnology and hi-tech start-ups of SMEs to complement the Incubator Building.
	North Campus Incubator	North Campus Incubator – designed to accommodate high technology companies established by UoM, it aims to support companies across the North West.
TRUSTECH		An NHS organisation, which aims to improve healthcare through the development of innovative products and services. It works with NHS organisations, companies, national and international bodies providing an effective gateway between the NHS and industry. It is also the delivery Partner for the Greater Manchester Academic Health Science Network, whose mission is to improve the partnership between industry and the NHS and accelerate the introduction of innovations into the NHS market.
Manchester Metropolitan University		Innospace – business incubator for start-ups and new enterprises, helping Manchester Met's graduates, students and staff to set up businesses.
		Digital Innovation – a new initiative that brings together start-up businesses, digital research and teaching in a refurbished engineering shed; the innovative venue is providing facilities and services for the broader technology sector.
Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC)		A federation of seven partners including UoM, Christie Hospital and CMFT with a collective turnover of £2.6 billion and serving a population of 3 million. MAHSC is the catalyst for aligning discovery, care and exploitation of research and clinical knowledge and testing for improved health and wealth in Greater Manchester and beyond. MAHSC is



Corridor Manchester

Sector	Institution / Location	Asset
<b>Community</b>	King's Church and Conference Centre, Sidney Street	<p>the only AHSC with three National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Facilities.</p> <p>A church and charity based on Sidney Street. The church has been an active meeting place since 1986 and is one of five locations across Greater Manchester. The Sidney Street venue has over 400 people in attendance each Sunday as well as hosting numerous events and activities throughout the rest of the week. The venue is also used for hosting conferences and events throughout the week, and has been used as a training and events venue for many of Corridor Manchester's strategic partners. Regular events are hosted during fresher's week in addition to events for children, young people and families as well as a monthly lunch club for those aged over 55.</p>

