

District Centres update

Economy & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Monday 16th October 2023



**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Economy Scrutiny Committee – 5 March 2020
Subject: District Centres Subgroup - Final recommendations
Report of: Strategic Director (Growth and Development)

Summary

At its meeting on 30 September 2015, the Economy Scrutiny Committee considered a report about the changing role of district centres in Manchester and the potential policy and strategy measures which could be adopted to shape the future of the city's district centres. Members agreed that they wanted to see more detailed work undertaken and a more strategic approach developed to the future management of district centres. They recommended that the Council produce an overarching strategy for district centres and agreed to establish a subgroup to contribute to and review this work. The District Centre Subgroup (the Subgroup) commenced its work in March 2016.

The group has overseen a work programme to consider the most effective policy approach the Council and its partners can take to promote successful district centres in Manchester. The work programme has been developed alongside the Institute of Place Management (based at Manchester Metropolitan University), a body with particular interest in the study and promotion of place management.

This report summarises in section 2 the overall programme of work undertaken by the Subgroup. The Subgroup commenced its work with an initial focus on understanding the trends that were affecting district centres. Pilots projects have been undertaken in Chorlton, Gorton, Harpurhey, Northenden and Withington comprising analysis of the performance of each of the centres in detail and holding workshops with representatives from businesses and local communities.

The Subgroup has also:

- held discussions with local traders to hear about their direct experiences in district centres;
- heard from a representative from Transport for Greater Manchester who discussed the role of transport linkages into district centres;
- held a discussion to understand the importance of digital infrastructure to support services and businesses in the centres;
- considered the role of marketing and branding to establish placemaking with specific reference to Ancoats and New Islington;
- examined the role of markets;
- received a report on underserved and emerging communities; and
- considered, in the light of the climate emergency, what role the district centres could play in addressing climate change.



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MANCHESTER HOUSING STRATEGY 2022-2032



Manchester Active Travel Strategy.

Moston Lane



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Moston Lane Development Framework

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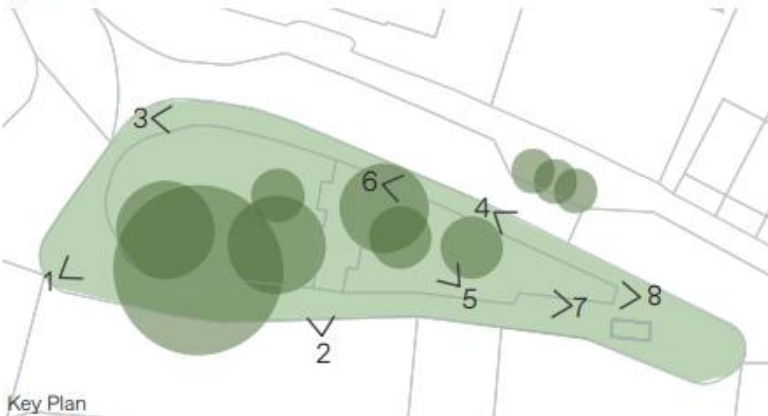
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Wythenshawe





WYTHENSHAW CIVIC

Major Mixed Use Regeneration Opportunity

Wythenshawe Civic Centre, South Manchester



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Strangeways



An aerial photograph of Manchester, UK, showing the city center and surrounding districts. The River Manchester flows through the northern part of the image. The city is densely packed with buildings, with a mix of older brick structures and modern glass skyscrapers in the center. The labels are placed over the corresponding areas: Strangeways in the north, Victoria North and Ancoats to the northeast, New Islington to the east, Oxford Road in the southeast, Hulme in the south, and Castlefield in the southwest.

Strangeways

Victoria North

Ancoats

**City
Centre**

New Islington

Castlefield

Hulme

Oxford Road



Layers



Gorton





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Institute of Gymnastics

Gorton Medical Centre

Manchester Market

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