

Appendix 1: Manchester City Council Equality Objectives 2016 - 2020

Objective 1 – Knowing Manchester Better

We will work together with Manchester's citizens and our partners in the public and voluntary sectors to increase the quality of the information, knowledge and understanding we have about Manchester's diverse communities and the value that we gain from this. This will allow us to work with each other to support 'community cohesion' – people from different backgrounds getting on well together in the local area and treating each other with respect and consideration – and make sure we develop policies, and provide and commission services that meet everyone's needs.

We have four aims to support this:

Aim 1: Improve the way we get to know our communities and the people who are using our services and engaging with us. We want to understand how our work affects people's satisfaction with life in Manchester, and whether people from different backgrounds get on well together. We will get better equality information to help us understand how what we do affects equality in Manchester, and to develop approaches that improve everybody's outcomes.

Aim 2: Involve a wide range of people and organisations in developing and reviewing our work on equalities, strengthening our relationships with our partners and benefitting from the strong links that our voluntary sector partners have with Manchester's communities.

Aim 3: Influence government policy and the decisions made nationally about equality monitoring, research, information that is gathered about people and how it's used. We'll share information with our partners in the public and voluntary sectors and use their knowledge to better understand our communities.

Aim 4: Use our growing and shared knowledge of Manchester communities with our partners, to make sure we have a joined up way of analysing how all the big changes in the city affect different communities.

Objective 2 – Improving Life Chances

We want everyone living in Manchester to have a good quality of life and equal chances. We know that for some groups in Manchester this is not the case. We will work with our partners to take a positive approach to removing inequalities.

We have four aims to support this:

Aim 1: Improve the health and wellbeing of all our residents and increase the life expectancy of Manchester people, by making sure they get better health and social care. We'll do this by working with our partners to join up and improve health and social care services, and make sure all people get the support and information that they need in the right way for them. We will increase the proportion of adults participating in sport and leisure activities to improve their own health and wellbeing.

Aim 2: Improve the life chances and increase the aspirations and achievements of all Manchester children and adults in education, making sure that the right support is in

place to make access to a good education and pathways into employment attainable for everyone. We will reduce the percentage of children living in workless or low income households by supporting more troubled families into work.

Aim 3: Provide volunteering, apprenticeship and training opportunities in the city, working with our public and voluntary sector partners to do this and influence other organisations to do the same. We will increase the number of volunteer hours worked in the city, and raise the median average annual earnings of Manchester's working people. Manchester residents will be paid at least the real living wage.

Aim 4: Take a joined up approach with our public and voluntary sector partners to raise awareness of hate crime and help people feel more confident to report it. We will increase the number of places where people can report hate crimes and make sure organisations know how to give the right support. Across our partnership, we will make sure appropriate action is taken swiftly to address hate crime using both criminal and civil powers available to us.

Objective 3 – Celebrating Our Diversity

Manchester's great strength is its diversity; we've achieved a lot for our different communities. We will maintain and build on with what we've achieved so far, going even further to celebrate Manchester's diversity, telling people how this makes the city better for everyone.

We have three aims to support this:

Aim 1: Collaborate across sectors to organise and promote events and targeted communication campaigns that celebrate our different groups and give a greater awareness and understanding of them. We'll make sure people are involved and informed.

Aim 2: Grow Manchester's national and international profile as a diverse, inclusive city that cares about equality. Promote the work we do on equalities across all sectors and communities, from big city centre events to small self-forming groups, to make Manchester an exemplar of equality activity.

Aim 3: Make good use of the communication channels we and our partners have available – like websites, social media and community involvement – to celebrate our diverse city and tell people how we're achieving these objectives. We will make sure the information is accessible for all and tells people what they need to know and how they can get involved.