

Planning and Highways Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2025

Present: Councillor Lyons - In the Chair

Councillors: Shaukat Ali, L Bell, Chohan, Curley, Gartside, Hassan, Hughes, and Lovecy

Apologies: Councillors Davies, Hewitson, Kamal, Kilpatrick, Riasat and Richards

PH/25/01 Supplementary Information on Applications Being Considered

A copy of the late representations received had been circulated in advance of the meeting regarding applications 139778/FO/2024 and 141253/FO/2024.

Decision

To receive and note the late representations.

PH/25/02 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2024 as a correct record.

PH/25/03 139778/FO/2024 - Land Bound by Lever Street, Great Ancoats Street, Little Lever Street and Houldsworth Street, Manchester

The Committee considered a report that proposed the part retention, part demolition of existing buildings with the retained fabric forming part the base of an 18 storey 'tower'. There would be 2 ground floor commercial units, 2 basements and a central landscaped courtyard. There have been 11 objections and a neutral comment.

Objections had also been received from Victorian Society, Georgian Group and Historic Buildings and Places. These National Amenity Societies are not Statutory Consultees for this application.

Historic England's interest related to the impact on the setting of the Grade II* Listed Express Building. They had not objected.

Consideration of this application was deferred at the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee on 19 December 2024, to enable a site visit to take place to allow Members to see the nature of the heritage to be retained and the impact the proposal would have on the immediate area.

The applicant's agent spoke in support of the application. He said that the applicant had worked with Planning Officers and the scheme would deliver significant

commercial and economic benefits to the city. He said the scheme would create jobs and deliver 16,989 m2 of office space, attracting both new and existing businesses and create commercial space. He said the proposals would retain some aspects of the heritage buildings, in keeping with other heritage buildings in the locality. He said that Historic England had not submitted an objection to the proposal and that the correct balance had been achieved in bringing forward this proposal and the public benefit outweighed any heritage harm.

Councillor Gartside stated that she had found the site visit undertaken by the Committee to have been very beneficial and this had allayed her concerns expressed at the previous meeting regarding the loss of working class heritage. She said that she would be supporting the officer recommendation to approve the application.

Councillor Curley noted that whilst Historic England had not submitted an objection to the proposal, comments had been received from the Victorian Society, Georgian Group and Historic Buildings and Places and he made reference to the section of the report that identified the 60% demolition of historical warehouses, and he asked officers to comment on this.

The Planning Officer reiterated the comment previously expressed by the agent that none of the buildings were protected and they did not sit within a conservation area. He stated that appropriate and careful consideration was given to the heritage of the city and the Department were satisfied, having undertaken a detailed analysis of the application that the correct balance had been achieved in the proposals presented to the Committee. He commented that the historic façades to be retained were the best preserved and most attractive facades in the block, and their retention would contribute to the continued character of the area at street level.

In response to a question from Councillor Lovecy, the Deputy Director of Planning stated that the internal courtyard area was largely private and intended for the use of those attending the premises and was not intended to be public space.

Councillor Shaukat Ali moved the Officer's recommendation.

Councillor Hughes seconded the proposal.

Decision

The Committee resolved to approve the application for the reasons and subject to the conditions set out in the submitted reports.

PH/25/04 141253/FO/2024 - West Didsbury and Chorlton Football Club Brookburn Road Manchester

The Committee considered a report that proposed the retention of two structures for a temporary period of five years, that have been installed at the West Didsbury and Chorlton Football Club. The structures have been in place since June 2023 according to the application documents. The erected outbuilding and metal storage container were used by the football club to provide refreshments to supporters during football matches.

As part of the notification of this application letters were sent to 23 addresses and site notices were posted and an advertisement placed in the Manchester Evening News given the location within the Chorltonville Conservation Area and the Greater Manchester Green Belt. Following amendments to the application to include a storage container, also installed at the site, a further full period of renotification was undertaken and this included further site notices posted at the site and advertisement placed in the Manchester Evening News.

As a result of these two notification periods 8 responses were received, 7 of these set out objections to the proposals including, amongst other matters:

- The installed structures do not comply with adopted local or national planning policies in respect of design, greenbelt and conservation area;
- No evidence that the applicant has sought to reconfigure current premises to accommodate the additional food and drink outlets;
- the proposals increase the creep into the Green Belt;
- Visual amenity impacts of the structures;
- Residential amenity impacts due to hours of potential sale for food and drink up until 2300hrs and corresponding odours, noise and disturbance that this could cause particularly to close neighbours.

The matters raised above and set out within the consultations section of the report were set out and considered in full within the main body of the report. The main issues arising from the proposals were the impacts of the proposals on the character of the Green Belt and the Conservation Area as well as impacts on the amenity of neighbouring occupiers.

The Planning Officer stated that if the application was approved an additional condition would be included in relation to waste management. He said such a condition would be in line with the existing waste management plan for the overall site as it was considered to be appropriate.

The applicant's agent spoke in support of the application. She said that she acknowledged the representations submitted by local residents, however reminded the Committee that the site was already a location where people congregated to watch and enjoy football matches. She said the retention of two structures for a temporary period of five years would not contribute to any increase in noise or disturbance and therefore not warrant any grounds for refusal. She said that the request to retain the structure to serve refreshments would contribute to the safety and enjoyment for all those attending matches, noting that the club was currently not in a financial position to extend the club house. She said the site was also subject to the existing licensing conditions in relation to the sale of alcohol. She further commented that the two structures did not impact on the conservation characteristics of the local area. She said that views of the two structures were generally restricted to public paths around the site to the south and when viewed in the context of the clubhouse and temporary stand to the north. Given this and that the outbuilding and storage container are of a smaller scale than existing buildings on the site the two structures were not considered to be visually intrusive in this location and were considered to be appropriate when viewed in conjunction with other existing buildings

on the site. She made further reference to the officer comments contained within the report that stated that any impacts on the open landscaped character of the Conservation Area were at the lower end of less than substantial harm and was outweighed by the public benefits. She further noted that the statutory consultees had no concerns. In conclusion she stated that the club was a responsible operator and was well respected both nationally and locally. She asked that the Committee endorsed the officer recommendation to approve the application.

In response to a question from the Committee the Planning Officer stated that there was no restriction as to the number of match days per season. He also drew the Committee's attention to the late representation that had been submitted in relation to this application that described the planning permission granted in 1995 and that the proposals for determination were considered to be acceptable.

Councillor Curley moved the Officer's recommendation.

Councillor Hughes seconded the proposal.

Decision

The Committee resolved to approve the application for temporary planning permission for 5 years, for the reasons and subject to the conditions set out in the submitted reports, together with the additional waste management condition proposed by officers at the meeting.

Health and Wellbeing Board

Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2025

Present:

Councillor T Robinson, Executive Member for Member for Healthy Manchester and Adult Social Care (MCC) (Chair)
Councillor Reid, Executive Member for Children and Schools Services (MCC)
Councillor Chambers Deputy Executive Member for Healthy Manchester and Adult Social Care (MCC)
Kathy Cowell, Chair, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
Elizabeth Calder, Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust
Amanda Smith, Chair, Healthwatch
Sean McKendrick, Strategic Director of Children's Services
Cordelle Ofori, Director of Public Health
Bernadette Enright, Executive Director of Adult Social Services
Tom Hinchcliffe, Place Based Lead
Dr Doug Jeffrey, Manchester GP Board

Apologies:

Councillor Craig, Leader of the Council (MCC)
Dr Geeta Wadhwa, Manchester GP Board

Also in attendance:

Sarah Doran, Deputy Director of Public Health, Department of Public Health and Chair of the Manchester City Council Child Death Overview Panel
Leasa Benson, Lead Nurse Health Protection, Department of Public Health
Sophie Black, Programme Lead for Health Protection, Department of Public Health
Marie Earle, Strategic Commissioning Manager, Department of Public Health
Mike Linnell (Linnell Communications)
Claire Arkwright, Deputy Service Manager, Change Grow Live (Manchester)
Eesha Naeem, Child Death Overview Panel Co-ordinator
Simon Watts, Consultant in Public Health, Manchester NHS Foundation Trust

HWB/25/01 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2025 as a correct record.

HWB/25/02 Manchester Partnership Board – Update

The Board was advised that the meeting of the Partnership Board scheduled to be held on 18 December 2024 was cancelled due to system pressures in the period leading up to Christmas. The Board was advised that two development sessions had been held where the following issues were covered:

- Manchester Local Sustainability Plan (focussed on prevention and reduction on the prevalence of ill health).

- Financial position of the Manchester Partnership Board and the Integrated Care Board (ICB) (use of the funding available for use across the partnership and in the organisations represented to promote a strategy of ill health prevention).
- Management of long-term conditions, in particular: type 2 diabetes and the management of this into community and primary care to ensure that hospitals deal with only hospital related treatment. This included discussions on the use of the Manchester Neighbourhood Model and building on its use in addressing health inequalities and health challenges.
- The significant reduction in mental health out of area placements of 90% since October 2024, which has been achieved through close partnership working with GMMH, the Local Care Organisation, the locality team and ICB.
- Announcement of the redevelopment of the North Manchester General Hospital (NMGH) site from a funding package of £1.5 billion from 2027/28. The development will promote the health objectives and wider development of north Manchester. The announcement was welcomed by the combined partners that had worked to achieve the outcome over several years.

The Chair welcomed the announcement of government funding for NMGH and the future health and regeneration benefits the redevelopment will bring to the residents of north Manchester. The Board was advised that regular updates on the redevelopment proposals will be reported to the Health and Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committees.

The Chair also welcomed the update concerning the reduction in the number of out of area mental health placements and acknowledged the whole system approach undertaken by those involved to achieve the reduced number of placements during winter pressures. The Chair reported that Health Scrutiny would receive an annual health update report that will provide details on the whole system approach. Reference was made to the hard work by public health in helping to promote measure to reduce the numbers of cold and flu cases over the winter period.

Decision

To note the update provided.

HWB/25/03 Health Protection - Local Infectious Disease Outbreak Management and Drug Related Incident Response Plans

The Board considered the report of the Director of Public Health that provided background information about a refresh of the Local Infectious Disease Outbreak Management Plan for Manchester and included the draft plan for approval. The report further provided information on the development of a new Drug Related Incident Response Plan; the draft plan was also included for approval.

The Director of Public Health introduced the report and provided a summary.

Local Infectious Disease Outbreak Management Plan

An overview of the Local Infectious Disease Outbreak Management Plan for Manchester was provided by Sophie Black and Leasa Benson. The Board was

informed that the plan was taken from the GM Multi-Agency Outbreak Plan, and this is version 5 of the document since 2017 and has been developed to meet Manchester requirements and improve accessibility to the reader. The plan seeks to provide support in the response to periods of increased incidents and national outbreaks of infectious disease. The plan has been tested through a multi agency scenarios exercise in April 2024. The plan also contains new elements relating to a health protection surge capacity following the covid pandemic with support and information for those needing to self-isolate. Also included are control measures required when responding to incidents for instances where a child may miss education due to having an infectious disease and associated financial implications on individuals who self-isolate as well as the impact of self-isolation on the individual. The document will be regularly monitored and updated throughout its life.

Drug Related Incident Response Plan

An overview of the Local Infectious Disease Outbreak Management Plan for Manchester was provided by Marie Earle and Mike Linnell. The Board was informed that the focus is potent synthetic opioids, although the plan can be related to all drug related incidents. The report draws attention to a growing and concerning use of synthetic opioids (fentanyl(s) and nitazenes). The plan provides a framework for local health professionals to follow in the event of a drug related incident, including the operational roles and responsibilities of the key partners. The plan compliments the existing GM potent synthetic opioids plan and the Local Infectious Disease Outbreak Management Plan. The plan is a live document and will be monitored and updated regularly.

The Chair welcomed the report and in reference to the growing use of synthetic opioids in the UK, asked officers what similarities there may be with the synthetic opioid crisis in United States of America.

The Board was informed of similarities such as a ban on fentanyl in the US resulting in the development of nitazenes to replace them, also the impact of the 95% reduction of heroin production from Afghanistan. Such global events have an impact on drug ingredients and availability at a local level.

The Chair invited questions from the Board.

Officers were asked how the plans will be publicised for health professionals to be made aware of them. The Board was advised that both plans were submitted to the Health Protection Board where it was agreed to engage with primary care and health care colleagues to develop a robust communications plan for front line staff, such as PCNs and GP surgeries. An action plan is in place to ensure that the plan is promoted around Greater Manchester. There are good communication links in place with over 1000+ health professionals on the Drug Information Network which is linked to the NHS Local Information Network. Communication links with GMP provide updates on the types of drugs found and drug data is maintained to show which drugs are prevalent.

A member of the Board asked how the updates on the plans will be reported to the Board to show they are being maintained. It was reported that substantive

amendments would be reported. Also, the annual review of the Boards recommendations will provide an update. The Board was advised that the plans will be reviewed on a regular basis.

A Board member referred to the use of naltrexone or naloxone to help prevent drug deaths and the need to provide health professionals with the information on the medications. The member asked if a communication could be arranged to highlight this for the benefit health professionals dealing with drug related incidents and offered to contribute to the guidance.

Decisions

The Board:

1. Approve the refreshed Local Infectious Disease Outbreak Management Plan and the new Drug Related Incident Response Plan.
2. Continue to support the preparedness and response efforts to manage incidents and protect the health of residents and staff in Manchester.
3. To note the offer of help and guidance for health professionals on the naltrexone and naloxone medications.

HWB/25/04 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) - Antimicrobial Resistance

The Board considered the report of the Director of Public Health that described that Local Health and Wellbeing Boards were responsible for ensuring that a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was published in line with the statutory requirements set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012). This paper summarised the content of a new JSNA on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Manchester. The Director of Public Health reported that the levels of MRSA reported by MFT are still lower than the national average. Also, there is a growing incidence of drug-resistant gonorrhoea at a national level however, there have been no confirmed cases within Manchester.

The JSNA introduced the topic of AMR and explored the issues of consumption of antimicrobials in Manchester and potential evidence of resistance. It goes on to identify current work going on to tackle AMR in Manchester, ending on presenting opportunities for action moving forward. The report also provided seven Opportunities for Action and requested the support of the Board to further strengthen Manchester's commitment to the AMR agenda.

The Opportunities for Action are:

- Gain clarity at a GM level on governance and any devolved responsibilities to the locality (inc. strategic, operational and monitoring of AMR).
- Support the annual World AMR Awareness week.

- Support our Vaccination & Immunisation Programme considering the vital link between the two topics.
- Promote the Antimicrobial Stewardship/Guardian training and increase uptake among our own & partner organisations.
- Explore opportunities to increase resident engagement, including a communications campaign on appropriate antimicrobial use.
- Support the Healthy Schools programme to roll out the e-Bug programme in schools.
- Broaden the mapping exercise to demonstrate how existing work contributes to tackling AMR and promote the use of viewing our work through an 'AMR lens'.

Sophie Black and Leasa Benson presented the report and explained the importance of producing the JNSA and the process used to inform the document. The document presented the current position of AMR within Manchester and the action being taken to tackle AMR.

The Chair invited members to ask questions.

A member referred to the e-Bug programme rollout in schools and the impact of low vaccine take up in school aged children.

The Board was informed that there is no data on the for the rollout of the programme. The e-Bug learning package was introduced during the covid pandemic and the programme was delivered via Teams to school staff and has since been developed for school to incorporate into its learning provision. The learning package includes information for children to think and learn about their own health, including immunisation.

The Chair referred C-Difficile bacteria levels in Manchester between 2003 to 2023 that have remained below the national level and acknowledged the importance of maintaining that position the contribute to the health of Manchester residents.

Officers were requested to provide an overview of Pharmacy First scheme and the data relating to ethnicity level in Manchester. The Board was advised that the Pharmacy First scheme is run at a Greater Manchester level. Data on ethnicity would need to be further researched due to the availability of in-depth data provided in the responses received. Further information on both issues would be provided through a report to a future meeting. The Board was also informed that the breakdown of ethnicity data is also part of a wider discussion with MFT on where data is obtained.

In noting the responses, the Chair requested that a report be submitted to a future meeting to provide an overview of the Pharmacy First scheme. Officers were also requested to produce data on ethnicity relating to instances of Antimicrobial Resistance for inclusion in future AMR reporting or to explain why such data may be difficult to obtain.

A Board member provided a summary of the Pharmacy First Scheme which is a national scheme designed to improve access to care and take the pressure of primary care providers by using pharmacies. The pharmacy is provided with training

and have to follow a protocol in order to prescribe antibiotic and anti-viral medicines for various conditions and infections.

The referred to the work of the Director of Health and the Place Based Lead to acknowledge the role they have in developing the use of pharmacies to help to plug the gap of care available to Manchester residents.

Decision

The Board:

1. Note the content of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment on Antimicrobial Resistance.
2. Support the opportunities for action outlined in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
3. To request that a report to provide an overview of the Pharmacy First scheme is presented to a future meeting of the Board.

HWB/25/05 Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report

The Board considered the report of the Deputy Director of Public Health that described that the Manchester Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) reviewed the deaths of children aged 0-17 years of age (excluding stillbirths and legal terminations of pregnancy), that are normally resident in the area of Manchester City.

In line with the Child Death Review: Statutory and Operational Guidance (England) published October 2018, the CDOP had a statutory requirement to produce a local annual report which provided a summary of the key learning and emerging trends arising with the aim of preventing future child deaths.

The report provided a summary of the key factors and modifiable factors for cases closed between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 (45 deaths notified and 55 cases reviewed). Details of the four recommendations made by the Manchester Child Death Overview Panel were included in the Annual report submitted.

The Chair referred to the data and the of detail for wards and asked officers if this could be included. The Board was advised that due to the low numbers per ward, it may be possible to identify a child and so this was not included in the report. The data from a number of years could be considered as a way of not identifying an individual.

The Chair referred to the Safe and Healthy Beginnings Plan and asked if the report had been submitted to the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee (CYPSC). Reference was also made to the "Room to Breathe" project to remove cigarette smoke from the home where children are present and the good work ongoing to achieve this.

The Board was informed that the Safe and Healthy Beginnings Plan will be submitted to the CYPSC. The Director of Health also referred to modifiable factors relating to the maternal obesity and maternal smoking. There has been a positive outcome relating to the “Breath Clear” programme to reduce maternal smoking rates in the Greater Manchester area which has influenced the national programme. The Board was advised that a refresh was ongoing with partners to the action plan on reducing maternal obesity to produce an integrated health approach to include other health related factors that may also affect people who are obese.

The Chair invited questions from the Board.

A member asked how figures have changed over years and what related factors contribute to them.

The Director of Public Health reported that there has been a worsening trend in the infant mortality rate over the past ten years and the gap between the Manchester level of health inequality and national average has widened showing a clear link between deprivation and socio-economic disadvantage.

Decision

The Board noted the report and endorsed the recommendations included in the Annual report.

HWB/25/06 Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) Health Inequalities and Prevention Update Report

The Board considered the report of the Chief Medical Officer, Manchester NHS Foundation Trust that highlighted the progress made during 2024 on the health inequalities and prevention agendas at MFT and how this work contributed towards the priorities identified through the Making Manchester Fairer (MMF) programme.

The report highlighted a number of key organisational developments which would help drive the inequalities and prevention agendas going forwards and outlined a number of key priorities for this work as it progresses through 2025.

Simon Watts presented the report and made reference to:

- changes to governance,
- health literacy improvements,
- marginalised groups,
- prevention and the wider determinants of health,
- priorities for 2025.

The Chair welcomed comments for the Board.

In welcoming the report, a Board member noted that the report looks outwards and reported that within MFT there are a number of forums including staff and a Population Health Committee to provide consider and feedback on the way health services can be improved.

Members referred to the importance of working in a joined-up approach to help provide positive outcomes. Reference was made to the success of the appointment of a Consultant in Public Health and the referral pathway for families attending children's health services and are experiencing damp and mould conditions in their homes. The scheme has proved to be essential in addressing poor housing conditions to improve children's and family health.

Decisions

1. The Board Acknowledge the content of the report and the progress to date.
2. To note the comments received.

HWB/25/07 Making Manchester Fairer - Update on implementation of Health and Wellbeing Board recommendations from 2024

The Board considered the report of the Director of Public Health that provided provides a brief summary of the papers received by the board during the 2024 calendar year, an update on progress relating to recommendations made.

The Chair requested that the Age Friendly Manchester report should return to the Board for consideration.

Members requested that further information should be included to show what actions have been agreed and what progress had been made on items.

Decision

1. The Board note the report.
2. The request that the report include an 'actions agreed' column and provide additional detail in the 'progress' column.

HWB/25/08 Katy Calvin-Thomas

The Chair informed the Board that Katy Calvin-Thomas is leaving her position as Chief Executive of the Manchester Local Care Organisation.

The Chair, on behalf of the Board thanked Katy for her good work in the Manchester Local Care Organisation and for her contributions to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and wished her every success in her future role.