

Title	District Centres Subgroup
Membership 2019-2020	Councillor Shilton Godwin (Chair) Membership to be confirmed
Lead Executive Member	Councillor Richards, Executive Member
Strategic Director	Eddie Smith, Strategic Director, Development
Lead Officers	Eddie Smith, Strategic Director, Development Richard Elliott, Head of City Policy
Contact Officer	Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny Support Officer
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To develop a vision and strategy for the management of a network of centres that is forward-looking, allowing vital and viable centres to emerge, develop, improve and transform, and to manage change so that centre provision reflects demand over the next 20 years. To map underserved communities – areas of the city where people do not currently have access to functional centres and to develop a methodology for forecasting the future demand and location of new centres.</li> <li>2. To develop guidance, describing how centres of various sizes can emerge, develop and improve/transform.</li> <li>3. To improve performance and build place management capacity in 4 existing centres (Chorlton, Northenden, Harpurhey and Gorton).</li> <li>4. To establish activity (footfall) as a key performance indicator for planning and management. To scrutinise footfall analysis of 10 centres (Chorlton, Northenden, Harpurhey, Gorton, Victoria Avenue, Rusholme, Cheetham Hill, Levenshulme, Fallowfield, Withington).</li> <li>5. To use the findings from the four place management pilots to identify what Manchester City Council can do to most effectively enhance a centre's performance.</li> </ol>
Key Lines of Enquiry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To apply learnings from the Institute of Place Management's High Street UK 2020 project, identifying key actions that Councils can lead to support centres.</li> <li>2. To analyse current centre performance to ensure that policy can take account of specific centre characteristics.</li> <li>3. To review development, growth and investment proposals across the city to inform future priorities for centre policy.</li> <li>4. To identify Planning, Highways and other policies which can be levered through the Council to establish and support vital and viable District Centres.</li> </ol>
Operation	This subgroup will report its findings to the Economy Scrutiny Committee by submitting minutes to the Committee. The Committee will be asked to endorse any recommendations from the Subgroup.
Access to Information	Meetings of the Subgroup will be open to members of the media and public except where information that is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.

	Papers for the Subgroup will be made available to members of the media and public on the Council's website and in the Rates Hall of the Town Hall Extension except where information which is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.
Schedule of Meetings	Four meetings. Dates to be confirmed.
Commissioned	January 2016