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The Town Hall



Residents - benefiting from area-based regeneration



The premier business destination of the North by 2015

Since the mid-1990s we have seen Manchester city centre become a booming international business destination. Areas such as Hulme (south of the city centre) have been transformed into thriving and sustainable neighbourhoods. The on-going transformation of East Manchester, too, sees a growing population, with residents wanting to stay in the area.

Manchester Partnership

Another success is the Manchester Partnership – the Council's Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) – where public, private, voluntary and community organisations including police, education, health, skills and training agencies, work together to tackle some of the city's toughest problems.

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CASE STUDY

Wythenshawe Forum

A £23m initiative, the Wythenshawe Forum redevelopment project, brings together leisure, learning and access to employment, childcare and health services in one 'public service hub'. The project was delivered on time and to budget with resident involvement through community consultation and public art works, and has generated local employment through construction and service delivery. The redevelopment included:

- A complete physical remodelling of the existing building and the addition of two new build elements devoted to childcare and health.
- A re-engineering of local services around the Forum to focus on four integrated service elements; leisure, adult learning, childcare and health on one site and provided by a variety of public and private sector partners.
- An innovative management framework led by the Wythenshawe Forum Trust, an independent, not-for-profit body established to steer the project forward and provide strategic management.

The Forum now offers extensive leisure facilities including a gym, dance studio, swimming pool as well as other community resources such as a library, healthcare centre, Jobcentre Plus and nursery. Business facilities are also available such as meeting rooms and computer access while the Forum Hall can accommodate conferences for up to 1,000 delegates.