

In recent years, Manchester has attracted huge levels of investment - financially and through the commitment and enterprise of those who live and work here. Tremendous progress has been made in modernising the city centre, regenerating its most deprived neighbourhoods and in developing major sporting and business facilities, including Central Park - the largest urban business park in the UK.

Reflecting the Council's vision for the city, the planning framework guides the scale and distribution of economic development, housing, transport, open space, health, education and other service and infrastructure development. It provides the policy context for investment decisions of public and private sector bodies.

Working with the private sector

Two outstanding examples of the involvement of private sector investors and partners are Spinningfields, a major new financial and professional services business quarter and Central Spine, a large-scale mixed use-development to the south of the city centre. In both of these, the Council's land holding has been small but its commitment to driving development forward and engaging with stakeholders has ensured success for all involved.

Manchester has also been at the forefront of Private Finance Initiatives (PFIs) as a way to create sustainable local communities with a long-term future, especially in the housing sector.

A sustainable city

Manchester has big ambitions, and one of them is to become the UK's greenest city. To help bring this about, Manchester's Guide to Development Supplementary Planning Document and Planning Guidance has been developed to create a more attractive, more connected, more user-friendly and greener city for residents.

Involving the local community and stakeholders

To help progress sustainable development, Manchester City Council's policies have to reflect the aspirations of our diverse communities and other stakeholders. The Council has reached out to a wide range of groups, encouraging local people to become involved at the very early stages of policy and development proposals.

Through thoughtful and strategic planning, Manchester City Council aims to maximise economic growth so that Manchester can significantly raise the performance of both the city-region, spreading the benefits to all business and residents.

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