











## Council Executive 2008-2009

Role	Councillor and Ward		
Leader	<b>Richard Leese</b> Crumpsall		<p>The Executive is the main decision making body of the Council, responsible for implementing the budgetary and policy framework of the Council. Each of the 10 members also has individual special responsibility for a particular area of the Council's services and policies.</p> <p>The Executive is appointed by the Council. It has 10 members: the Leader and Deputy Leaders and seven Executive Members each with a special responsibility for a particular area - <b>Adult Services, Arts and Leisure, Children's Services, Employment and Skills, Environment, Finance and Human Resources, Neighbourhood Services and Direct Services.</b></p> <p>The Executive is responsible for implementing the budgetary and policy framework and has full authority in this respect. This means that most of its decisions do not need Council approval. Where, however, it is proposing changes to the framework these must be submitted to the Council for determination.</p> <p>There is a 15 member Standing Consultative Panel, which has a invitation to attend the public meetings of the Executive. Members of the panel can speak at these meetings and can make propositions. However, only the Executive Members can vote on proposals and so they have the power to make decisions.</p> <p>The members of the Executive are all from the majority party in the Council. The Executive plus the Consultative Panel is a politically balanced group reflecting the political balance of the Council. There are nine Liberal Democrat members and six Labour members on the Panel.</p>
Deputy Leader	<b>Jim Battle</b> Ancoats and Clayton		
Deputy Leader	<b>Val Stevens</b> Chorlton		
Adult Services	<b>Basil Curley</b> Charleston		
Arts and Leisure	<b>Michael Lee Amesbury</b> Fallowfield		
Children's Services	<b>Sheila Newman</b> Chorlton		
Employment and Skills	<b>Sue Murphy</b> Brooklands		
Environment	<b>Richard Cowell</b> Northenden		
Finance and Human Resources	<b>Bernard Priest</b> Ardwick		
Neighbourhood Services	<b>Paul Andrews</b> Baguley		

## Overview and Scrutiny Committees

“Overview and Scrutiny Committees review decisions made by the Council and make recommendations to ensure that the people of Manchester get the best out of their public services. Overview and Scrutiny Committees also play an important part in helping to develop Council policies for the benefit of local people.

Committees mainly look at services provided by the Council but can also look at wider issues involving other agencies. For example the Health and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which has powers to look at NHS services to help improve the well-being of local residents.

Committee Membership is drawn from all political parties and from across the City to ensure that all sectors of the community are represented. Some of the Committees also have other Members (called Co-optees) who bring a different perspective because of their background, for example as a parent-governor.

Overview and Scrutiny Committees meet approximately once a month and look at four main things:

- to review the Council's existing policies
- to help develop new policies
- to review the Council's performance
- to review decisions taken by the Council's Executive

Committees also have the power to stop decisions taken by the Executive from being implemented if they think that decisions should be looked at in more depth (this is known as "Call In").” (from manchester.gov.uk)

All things green seem to be bundled into the “**Communities and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee**”

“This Committee meets twice within an eight week period to hold decision makers to account and to develop policy within its area of concern. This area includes **physical environment (including waste), planning, green issues, highways, culture, housing, anti-social behaviour, libraries and leisure.**”

### Committee Membership: -

The following members serve on this committee:

Councillor	Ward	Party
Paul Ankers	Chorlton	Liberal Democrat
Ken Barnes	Higher Blackley	Labour
Sandra Bracegirdle	Northenden	Labour
Abid Chohan	Longsight	Labour
GlynnEvans	Brooklands	Labour
John Flanagan (Chair)	Miles Platting and Newton Heath	Labour
Wendy Helsby	Gorton North	Liberal Democrat
Rodney Isherwood	Burnage	Liberal Democrat
Patrick Karney	Harpurhey	Labour
Norman Lewis	Chorlton Park	Liberal Democrat
Mick Loughman	Ancoats and Clayton	Labour
Edward McCulley	Baguley	Labour
Damien O'Connor	Miles Platting and Newton Heath	Liberal Democrat
Luthfur Rahman	Longsight	Labour
Bill Risby	Moston	Labour
David Royle	Fallowfield	Labour

Upcoming meetings are (always Tuesdays) 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

## The other five overview and scrutiny committees are:

Overview and Scrutiny committee	Remit	Chair (plus ward and party)	Number of cllrs on committee
Children and Young People	This area includes education, the Children and Families Service, the Youth Service and Sure Start Children's Centres.	Cllr Alistair Cox, Moss Side, Labour	12
Citizenship and Inclusion	This includes Community cohesion, Mancunian agreements, Crime and Disorder, Older People and Equality and Inclusion.	Cllr John Bridges, Gorton South, Liberal Democrat	11
Economy Employment and Skills	This area includes economic growth, strategic transport, employment, regeneration, the voluntary sector, Core Cities, adult education and skills and worklessness.	Cllr John Cameron., Burnage, Liberal Democrat	12
Health and Well Being	This area includes health and social care.	Cllr Susan Coolley, Brooklands, Labour	10 (2 vacancies)
Resources and Governance	This area includes corporate finance, human resources, governance, the Manchester Improvement Programme, audit and inspection, revenue and benefits, Information Technology and the capital programme.	Cllr Mary Watson, Whalley Range, Labour	12

NB This is information with a very high decay rate! Do not rely on this- check out for yourself via the Manchester City Council Website

Alternatively, you could get in touch with the council about all this-

*“The Work Programme lists topics that Overview and Scrutiny Committees are going to be looking at in the near future. If you have a particular interest in the subject (it could be as a service user, community organisation or employee) the Committee would like to hear from you. Should you wish to do so contact us by e-mail [scrutiny@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@manchester.gov.uk) or by telephone 0161 234 3376.”*

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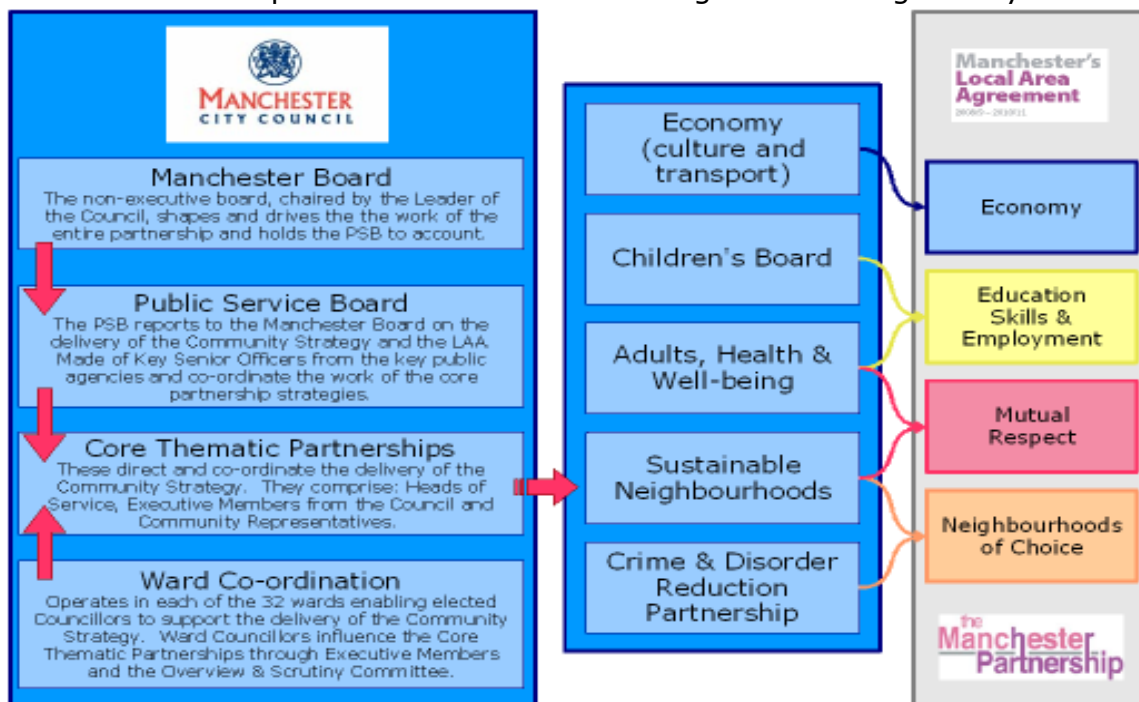
# Engagement with Manchester City Council

## Structure of Engagement

This is a brief run down of the political and structural working of the Council needed to explain how the Council engages with the community. The work and services performed by the Council is overseen by five partnerships. These partnerships are a combination of the Council (both officers and councillors), other Public Sector Agencies such as the Police and the Health Services, the Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) and membership from Private Sector. Together they form the Manchester Partnership which oversees the running and governance of the city.

## The Manchester Partnership (LSP)

Every Local Authority (LA) has a Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and Manchester's is called the Manchester Partnership. It is the LSP's responsibility to set priorities, to solve the problems and to deliver services. They do this through the delivery of the Community Strategy called the Manchester Way 2006-2015. The community strategy prescribes what work needs to be done, what targets are set and explains how performance and management of this work will be carried out. Every three years there is a new "action plan" called the Local Area Agreement – agreed by the LSP.



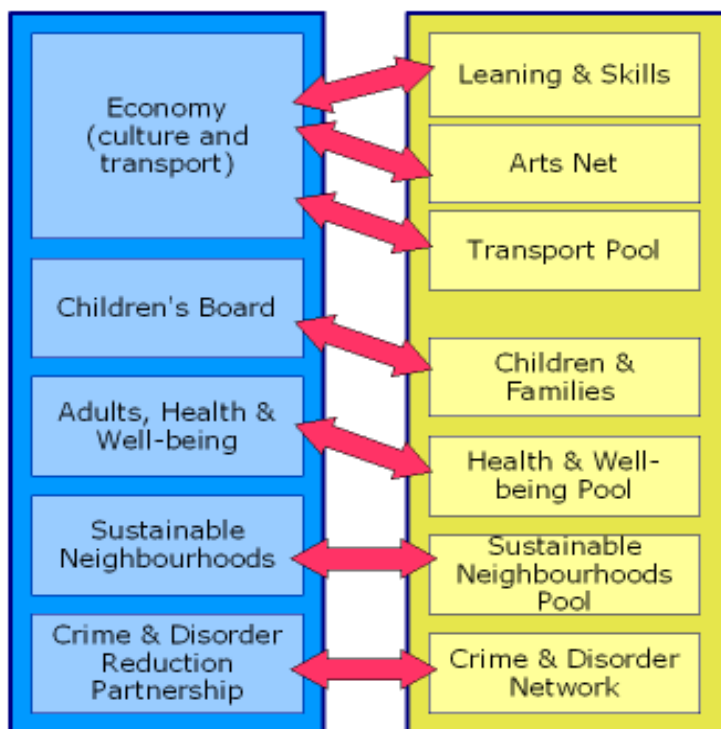
## The LSP Board Membership is as follows:

Councillor Sir Richard Leese.	Manchester City Council (Chair) Leader of the Council.
Chair of Greater Manchester.	Passenger Transport Authority.
Wadi Nassar.	Manchester Council for Community Relations.
Gail Porter.	Government Office North West.
Councillor Paul Murphy.	Greater Manchester Police Authority.
Right Reverend Nigel McCulloch.	Bishop of Manchester.
Evelyn Asante-Mensah.	Manchester Primary Care Trust.
Ray Short.	GM Learning and Skills Council.
Phil Korbel.	Radio Regen.
Susan Woodward.	ITV Granada.
Lorraine Gradwell.	Breakthrough UK Ltd.

Further details on membership of the Public Service Board and all other information about the Manchester Partnership can be found at:  
[www.manchesterpartnership.org.uk](http://www.manchesterpartnership.org.uk)

## Community Engagement

In order that the needs, views and concerns of the community are voiced, heard and taken into account the LSP must obviously engage with the community(s). As mentioned above the CVS forms part of the membership of the LSP. Each of the five Partnership Boards has a Community Worker attending on the behalf of the community and voluntary sector who is normally a member of a corresponding CVS Thematic Network or Thematic Pool.



The CVS Thematic Networks and Pools are part of the Community Network for Manchester (CN4M) which is a network of CVS groups operating across the city. There are about 21 networks representing various interest groups. For example, any group or individual concerned with aspects of the environment can and should join Environment Network for Manchester (EN4M) which is hosted by the Charity MERCi (Manchester Environment Resource Centre Initiative). Sustainable Neighbourhoods Pool and Transport Pool – two of the Thematic Pools above – are run by MERCi.  
**CN4M website: [www.cn4m.net](http://www.cn4m.net) EN4M website: [www.en4m.org.uk](http://www.en4m.org.uk)**

## The Manchester Compact

Working Together: A Compact for Manchester is the code of practice in funding, consultation, volunteering and inclusion. It is a commitment between the Manchester City Council and the CVS and is endorsed by the Manchester Partnership.

It is an agreed framework within which statutory, voluntary and community organisations work together, however, it is neither legally nor contractually binding. For a copy of the Compact or any further information please contact:

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