

## Community Engagement Strategy Group

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<b>Circulation</b>	Members of the Community Engagement Strategy Group
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<b>Summary</b>	Draft Terms of Reference for the Community Engagement Strategy Group
<b>Action</b>	For discussion

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 The *Community Engagement Strategy Group* has been established to bring greater focus, coordination, measurement and steer to the University's existing and future engagement priorities and activities in our local communities, by which we define as in Greater Manchester.
- 1.2 "Engaging our communities" is the third pillar in the University's strategy for social responsibility, where we have set out that: "our events and activities will harness our knowledge, resources and cultural attractions for the benefit of our communities".
- 1.3 Recognising that community engagement activities take place across a wide range of different areas of the University (through applied-teaching, widening participation, applied-research, cultural institutions, students as neighbours, charities/third-sector engagement, volunteering, employment, public events) the governance of the group will be taken forward by the University's Office for Social Responsibility and the group will be chaired by the Associate Vice-President for Social Responsibility. The group will comprise of a small number of senior PSS and academic staff selected for their specialist knowledge about community engagement work.

### 2. Role of Group

- 2.1 To develop a strategy, or strategic framework, for the University's community engagement activities in Greater Manchester in support of the social responsibility agenda.
- 2.2 To identify and recommend particular priority actions, projects and initiatives for the University's future community engagement work.
- 2.3 To act as a source of advice and steer on specific areas of the University's community engagement work, namely: applied research; applied teaching; schools, colleges and educational opportunities; volunteering; employment/employability among local residents; students as neighbours; cultural engagement; third-sector engagement;
- 2.4 To identify opportunities for enhancing the coordination of separate community engagement activities.
- 2.5 To identify or suggest ways in which the University's different engagements with its local communities can be measured for impact and communicated.

### **3. Membership of Group**

- Prof James Thompson, Associate Vice-President for Social Responsibility (Chair)
- Ms Suzanne Spicer, Social Responsibility Manager (Secretary)
- Dr Julian Skyrme, Director of Social Responsibility
- Ms Jane Ratchford, Director of Student Development and Community Engagement
- Mr Peter Fell, Director of Regional and Economic Affairs
- Miss Stephanie Lee, Head of Widening Participation and Outreach
- Ms Lindsay Gilbert, Head of Volunteering and Community Engagement
- Dr Andy Karvonen, Lecturer in Architecture and Urbanism and Co-Director of Cities@Manchester
- Dr Sheena Cruickshank, Lecturer in Immunology and Academic Lead for Public Engagement with Research
- Prof Chris Cutts, Associate Dean for Social Res
- Prof Alan Dyson, Co-Director of the Centre for Equity in Education, MIE/SEED
- Prof Ruth Lupton, Professor of Education, MIE/SEED and Humanities-lead for addressing inequalities
- Ms Ellen McGlaughlin, Community Officer, University of Manchester Students' Union Executive
- Mr Steve Grant, Deputy Director, Directorate of Human Resources
- Ms Esme Ward, The Whitworth and Manchester Museum

### **4. Reporting**

The group will report to the Social Responsibility Governance Group and other key committees or groups at any level of the University as appropriate.

### **5. Frequency & Timeframe**

This will be determined by the Chair, using advice from the group.