The University of Manchester

BOARD

Wednesday 1 July 2026

Present: Philippa Hird (Chair), Prof Duncan Ivison (President and Vice-Chancellor), Ann Barnes, Kerris Bright, David Buckley, Lexie Baynes, Amrit Dhillon, Deirdre Evans, Guy Grainger, Dr Reinmar Hager, Tom Jirat, Prof Paul Mativenga, Sarah Munby, Jatin Patel, Prof Hema Radhakrishnan, Tony Raven, Matthew Scullion, Prof Fiona Smyth, Rachel Studd, Paul Thwaite, Emma Wade-Smith and Natasha Traynor (Associate Member) (21 members).

Apologies: Anna Dawe and Soumhya Venkatesan

In attendance: Patrick Hackett, Registrar, Secretary and Chief Operating Officer (RSCOO), Carol Prokopyszyn, Chief Financial Officer, Dr Simon Merrywest, Executive Director of the Student Experience, Barra MacRuiari, Chief Property Officer, Anna Ward, incoming Student Union Affairs Officer, and Mark Rollinson, Deputy Secretary.

1. Residences Redevelopment Programme

Received: a summary note and full business case (FBC) for the Residences Redevelopment Programme (RRP) and other related documentation.

Reported: current matters under consideration.

Noted:

(1) The Board was content with progress, and the FBC was well received.

(2) Reiteration of the importance of the RRP and the partnership to the University.

Agreed: that the FBC be resubmitted to the Board for final decision at its meeting on 16 July 2026 after conclusion of outstanding commercial matters, with the expectation that Financial Close was achieved by no later than 31 July 2026.