

In Manchester a faith network is a key sub-component of the CN4M and there is a faith seat on the steering group.

This faith network gathers the views of the faith communities and communicates them to the LSP and the wider Community Network. It also selects representatives for the LSP bodies.

Further information on Manchester's LSP and the Faith Network can be obtained from:

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The Faith in partnership series is:

- *an information resource for people of faith as they engage with their local communities in the new partnership agenda*
- *a joint enterprise, between The Partnership for Theological Education, Manchester various ecumenical partners from the North West*

Whilst we currently provide this resource for the Christian Community we welcome contributions from other faith traditions.

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No 10. The Manchester Local Strategic Partnership

Manchester City's Partnership Involving the Statutory, Private, Voluntary and Community sectors

This leaflet

- Outlines the structure of the partnership
- Describes how the voluntary and community sectors are involved
- Identifies how the faith communities are involved
- Identifies a contact person who can provide more information

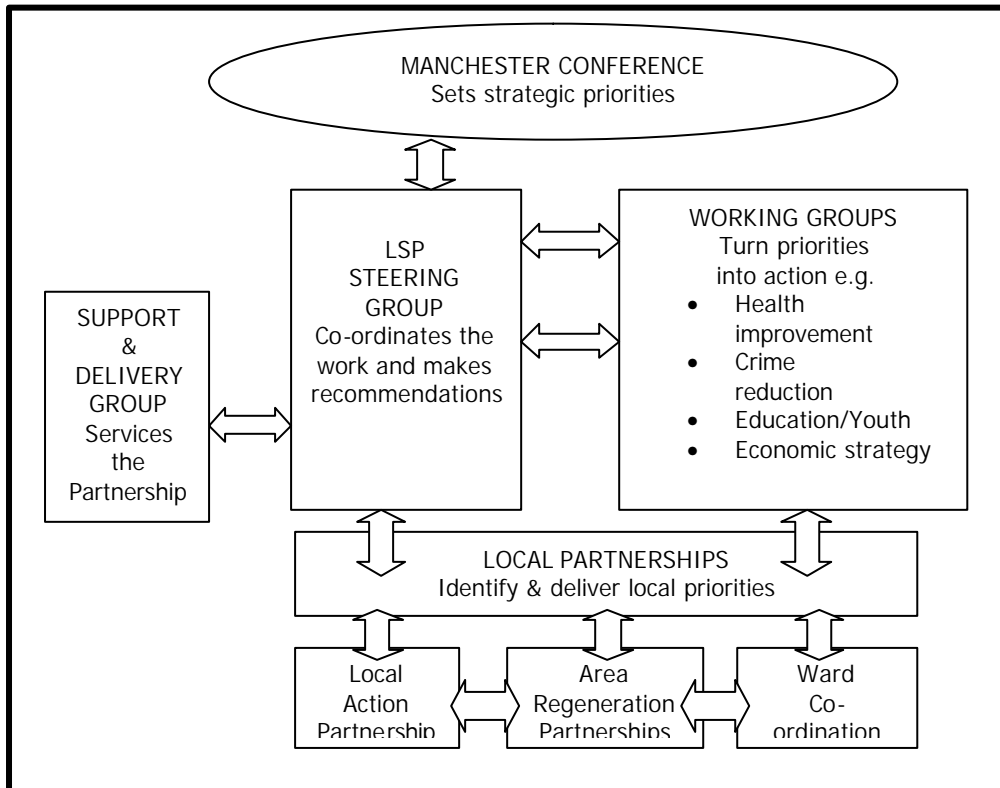
The Manchester LSP

The Government is encouraging all sectors of the community (statutory, commercial, community & voluntary) to engage in new partnerships with each other (called Local Strategic Partnerships or LSPs - See FiP No 7). These partnerships will make vital decisions about the delivery of public services within the local authority area. It is hoped that, with all agencies working together, the needs of local communities will be better served.

The Government has stressed that faith communities have a role on LSPs.

In Manchester an LSP has been established and the faith communities have the chance to engage with, and bring their values to bear on, the public life of the City.

The City Council has taken the lead in establishing the LSP. The first Manchester Conference agreed the structure shown below



The Manchester Conference

An annual event which will be open to the entire City. It sets broad priorities for the LSP and confirms structures and membership.

The Support & Delivery Group

A small group of officers from the different partners. It carries out the decisions of the LSP.

The Steering Group

The main decision making body of the LSP. It meets quarterly. There are 41 members drawn from a wide range of groups. The voluntary and community sector have 11 places on the steering group, one of which is allocated to the

A number of smaller working groups and area based partnerships feed into and inform the work of the Steering Group.

The Voluntary & Community Sector

The Voluntary and Community Sector are equal partners with the statutory agencies on LSPs. There are seats on the steering group and on the other partnership bodies. Participation is co-ordinated by a new comprehensive network (called a Community Network for Manchester or CN4M).

The network is co-ordinated by lead bodies:

Voluntary Action Manchester
Community Pride
Progress Trust

These have been responsible for bringing the voluntary and community sectors together and preparing development plans for the Network.

As Manchester is a neighbourhood renewal area (see FiP No5) network development is supported by special resources which the Government has made available, called Community Empowerment Fund (See FiP No 8. for a brief description of community networks and Community Empowerment Fund)