

## CASTLEFIELD FORUM ACTION PLAN

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>1</b>	Establish process needed to continue with Neighbourhood Plan & review the value to Castlefield of continuing with reduced boundary. Decision required on whether or not to continue & recommendations to be made to Forum.	Cttee	Summer 17	Castlefield Estates commissioned Planning Consultants Nexus to advise.
<b>2</b>	Investigate appropriate structures for the Forum as recommended by Auditor. Eg Community Interest Company, Charity etc.	Cttee	Summer 17	Initial web research undertaken. Public liability insurance required. Quotes obtained. PLI now in place & renewed annually. Detailed feasibility and decision required urgently.
<b>3</b>	Create new Gateway to Castlefield through the Roman Gardens from Liverpool Road.	Roman Gateway & Hanging Gardens AG	ongoing	Masterplan updated for us by Manchester Garden City (MGC) to reflect feedback from MCC. Wide-ranging local consultation carried out & major Crowdfunding project successfully collected £19,000 to fund the necessary surveys & support required to submit a credible planning application. Planning application submitted & final queries being dealt with by our planning consultants BDP. Friends of the Roman Gardens group set up in partnership with MCC. Regular activities taking place. MCC have awarded £30k from their Clean & Green initiative to kick start works once planning approval is gained. Anticipated that the work will be carried out incrementally over a longer period than anticipated as a major HLF bid looks unlikely.

<b>4</b>	Maintain gardening program. Promote regular gardening events.	Gardening AG & Friends of the Roman Gardens	ongoing	BRH taken over leadership. Regular gardening/tidying sessions held including support via businesses' corporate social responsibility. AW leads the Friends of the Roman Garden Group for RG specific activities.
<b>5</b>	Participate in Britain In Bloom annually. Encourage volunteers to assist with planting & weeding. Prepare portfolio for submission. Enlist support of local businesses & CSR opportunities.	Gardening AG & Friends of the Roman Gardens	Annually	Awarded level 5 'Outstanding' for first 3 years. Level 4 'Thriving' in 2013. Did not take part 2014, gained Level 5 Outstanding in 2015 & 2016.
<b>6</b>	Complete Signage Phase 3 programme.	Signage AG	Autumn 17	Grant approved, funding in bank. Planning permission granted for Phase 3 & new signs in stalled at 4 new locations. The remaining signs for Phase 3 require work on content.
<b>7</b>	Create Web Development Plan.	Events, Marketing & Media AG	Autumn 17	Website incorporated into Events & Marketing & Media AG. JB volunteered to take over administration of site. AG looking at development options.
<b>8</b>	Develop a Spirit of Place for Castlefield in conjunction with the National Trust.	Spirit of Place AG	Summer 17	Community survey taken place, 2 workshops undertaken, SoP statement being drafted. Looking to promote progress at Castlefield Food Festival.
<b>9</b>	Identify initiatives for Neighbourhood Improvement Fund bids.	Cttee	Annually	Several successful applications in previous years. Awaiting announcement of 2017/18 NIF pot.
<b>10</b>	Look into potential use of former Visitor Centre on Liverpool Road as community facility. Lobby MCC to undertake outstanding repairs	CM/JS	ongoing	New feasibility undertaken in 2016 by JS. Decision taken by Forum that local Arts Council funded charity, Dance Mcr be supported to take on the lease rather than the Forum. MCC since decided to put the lease out to tender. Awaiting further information on the timetable.

11	Ensure installation of towpath lighting from Egerton Way to Merchants Bridge.	CM/IC	Ongoing	MCC granted planning permission for 8 new towpath lights in November 2015. In March 2017 Peel Holdings told CM & IC they were waiting to hear from Jacobs in response to their request for a formal agreement to be signed between them to allow installation to proceed.
12	Following March 2017 MCC decision to grant planning permission for 24 apartments on the back two thirds of Plot G, to try to work with the owners/developers, MCC & Peel Holdings to link, visually and physically, the front third with the semi-circular granite sett area by the canal.	IC	Ongoing	Idea mentioned to Peter Parkinson of Peel Holdings in March 2017 by CM & IC, eliciting a positive response.
13	Liaise with MCC to find better uses for dead railway arches. Look at bringing into use as craft, catering, tourist information opportunities.	Cttee	Ongoing	No action to date.
14	Persuade Network Rail to repaint the one remaining unsightly bridge over Deansgate between the Atlas Bar and Deansgate station and persuade them and the Canals & River Trust to revise its bridge maintenance & repainting programme so that bridges close to each other are painted during the same 6 month period.	IC	ongoing	No action to date.

<b>Key</b>			
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IC	Ian Christie	AW	Ann Webb
BRH	Beth Rose Hopper	MCC	Manchester City Council
CMcG	Calum McGowan	SoP	Spirit of Place
CM	Carol Middleton		

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