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Greater Manchester Study Tour

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- Driving growth and reducing dependency in Greater Manchester, Lord Smith of Leigh, Chairman, Association of Greater Manchester Authorities, Centre for Cities, November 2012, pages 61-64
- The Spinning Fields Media information, November 2009, pages 2-6
- History of MediaCityUK page 1 of 1
- Draft postcard from New York and Pittsburgh

TEN Group

TEN (The Environment Network) is a small group of senior local government officers in London who have met regularly over ten years to share ideas and exchange knowledge on how to achieve urban renaissance. Using the principle of *looking and learning* they visit pioneering projects to draw out lessons that can be applied in their own authorities. In the process the members develop their skills as urban impresarios and place-makers, and are able to build up the capacity of their authorities to tackle major projects.

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*Front cover: Top left - Spinning Fields, The Avenue
 Middle - Manchester has some beautiful old buildings
 Right - Spinning Fields Square*

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TEN Group | First meeting of the tenth series

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BRIEFING DIGEST

The first meeting of the tenth series will focus on Greater Manchester. Manchester has undergone a renaissance over the last two decades, and the centre now looks like a Continental city with modern trams, some great architecture, and an extensive high quality public realm. The results are credited to the proactive role of the City Council under the long-standing partnership of the Chief Executive Sir Howard Bernstein and the leader Sir Richard Leese. Their leadership has extended to the ten authorities of Greater Manchester allowing conurbation-wide governance structures to be developed for the good of the whole city.

Our study tour to Manchester will take advantage of the fast Pendolino trains, and we will rely on the trams for a guided tour of recent developments. Highlights of the tour will include Media City and the Lowry centre in Salford as well as a walk through Castlefield Park, where regeneration started with the reuse of historic buildings along the restored canal. From here we will walk to Spinning Fields, a recently completed mixed use development by Allied London. We have a number of local planners meeting with us at Spinning Fields. The plan is to have a few short presentations over lunch followed by an open discussion. We are particularly interested in what Manchester can teach London in terms of how to co-ordinate investment and regeneration across a large conurbation. After presentations and discussion we will head to the Millennium Village of New Islington, with innovative housing by Urban Splash before returning to Manchester Piccadilly to catch the train back to London.

Our visit will address the following questions:

- How can improvements to local connectivity be used to boost wellbeing and regeneration?
- What more can be done to tackle the roots of urban poverty, and particularly access to good and affordable housing?
- How can local authorities mobilise investment (public and private), and what can London and greater Manchester learn from each other?
- What makes for successful city leadership in tough times?

London based tour delegates:

1. Marc Dorfman | Assistant Director Planning & Regeneration | LB Haringey
2. John East | Director of Community Infrastructure | LB Newham
3. Nicholas Falk | Founding Director | URBED London David Hennings | Consultant | LB Ealing
4. Sue Foster | Executive Director Housing and Regeneration | LB Lambeth
5. David Hennings | Consultant | Currently with LB Ealing
6. Mark Lucas | Chief Planning & Regeneration Officer (Interim) | LB Redbridge
7. Michael Mortensen | Project Director | Grosvenor Developments
8. Susan Parsonage | Director of safer communities | LB Ealing

Manchester based meeting attendees:

9. Pat Bartoli | Head of City Centre Regeneration | Manchester City Council
10. Paul Beardmore | Director of Housing | Manchester City Council
11. Jameson Bridgwater | Head of Planning and Infrastructure | Oldham Council
12. Marianne Heaslip | Urban designer | URBED
13. Steven Lever | Principal officer, Urban design and Development | Bury Council
14. David Rudlin | Director | URBED
15. Graham Skinner | Construction Director | Capital properties
16. Chris Wilkinson | Unit Manager, Environmental planning and sustainability | Bury Council

PROGRAMME

08.20 Train departs London Euston

10.28 Arrive Manchester Piccadilly

Walk to Piccadilly Gardens (Manchester Metro link) Platform 2

We will be using a group day travel card off peak which URBED have pre-purchased so there is no need to buy tram tickets

10.44 Tram Met4 departs Piccadilly Gardens

11.02 Arrive Media City UK (18 minutes) Walk to The Lowry, Pier 8, M50 3AZ, T: 0161 876 2422

11.06 Arrive Lowry Centre. (3 minutes)

Meet guide in Lobby.

20 minute discussion on Lowry's design and development along with a brief history of the Manchester Ship Canal from Docks to a new leisure destination The Lowry is an arts and entertainment complex set at the heart of The Quays. The Lowry houses three theatre spaces and an exhibition space. It was completed in 2000, designed by Michael Wilford and can be considered a Catalyst for regeneration of Salford Quays.

11.30 Walk over the Millenium Footbridge (completed 2000 by Carlos Fernandex Casado) past the IWM North (completed 2002 by Daniel Libeskind) over the Media City Footbridge (completed 2011 by Wilkinson Eyre Architects) to Media City

12.09 Tram departs Media City to Deansgate Castlefield



12.21 Arrive Deansgate-Castlefield
Walk through Castlefield Urban Heritage Park to Spinning Fields

13.00 Lunch meeting | Tower 12 | 18-22 Bridge Street | The Avenue North | Spinningfields | Manchester | M3 3BZ | Phone | 0161 827 1700

15.30 Walk to St Peters Square (11 min)

15.56 Tram departs St Peters Square - Platform 2 Route: Eccles - Salford Quays

15.59 Tram arrives Piccadilly Gardens - Platform 1 (3 min)

16.04 Tram departs Piccadilly Gardens - Platform 1 Route: Bury - Manchester - Droylsden

16.10 Tram arrives New Islington (6 min) - Walk around New Islington

16.50 Depart New Islington

17.15 Train departs Manchester Piccadilly for London

19.25 Train arrives London Euston



Lunch meeting at Spinning Fields		13.40	The Spinning Fields story Graham Skinner Capital properties
13.00	Introduction & Manchester Context David Rudlin URBED	14.00	Group Discussion & Q+A Lessons for London
13.20	Coop and energy saving Marianne Heaslip URBED	15.30	Close