

About Agenda 2010

Agenda 2010 is the city's ten-year plan of action, set up in October 2000 to improve race equality. It is a public statement of Manchester's commitment to Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities.

The Agenda 2010 **Charter** sets out the vision and objectives of Agenda 2010.

The underlying objective is to close the gap between BME communities and Manchester on key areas, while at the same time narrowing the gap between Manchester and the rest of the country.

The Agenda 2010 partnership, made up of partners from the public service agencies, the voluntary sector and Manchester's BME communities, provides a framework in which to deliver improved race equality that is acknowledged and supported by residents within Manchester. It is about changing how mainstream services work, and how appropriate they are to addressing the needs of everyone in the community.

In 2004, the restructuring of Manchester Partnership brought Agenda 2010 into the Partnership structure to embed the Agenda 2010 priorities in the work of all the seven Thematic Partnerships. It established a two-way link between the Thematic Partnerships and Agenda 2010, whereby Agenda 2010 will be able to hold the Thematic Partnerships to account and the priorities of Agenda 2010 will be subjected to the same performance monitoring process. In developing their Action Plans, the Thematic Partnerships are expected to state how they would implement Agenda 2010 priorities.

The Agenda 2010 Steering Group oversees the work of Agenda 2010. It is made up of representatives of the Manchester City Council, JobCentre Plus, Greater Manchester Police, Central Manchester Primary Care Trust, Manchester Council for Community Relations, Manchester Race and Health Forum and Chairs of the four Working Groups. Crime and disorder, Education, Employment, and Health and Social Care, are the four themes identified as priorities by the BME Communities. The lead partner agencies of each of the Working Group set up on the basis of the four themes are Greater Manchester Police, Children's Services, JobCentre Plus and Central Manchester Primary Care Trust. Annually, each Working Group produces an **Action Plan**.

Manchester City Council and Manchester Partnership develop Community Strategies, which promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City. The first Community Strategy produced in 2002 outlined the broad

strategy and the key issues that needed addressing. **The Manchester Sustainable Community Strategy 2006-2015** supports continued economic growth and ensures that more people and communities share its benefits. Agenda 2010 has provided the mechanism for the BME Communities to shape and influence the development of the Community Strategies and the Local Area Agreement (LAA). This enables Agenda 2010 priorities to be embedded in the core business of Manchester Council and Partner Organisations on a long-term basis.

Through Agenda 2010, BME Communities are involved in the development of Mancunian Agreements, which will be agreements between individuals, groups or localities and Manchester Partnership. BME communities have contributed to the development of the concept of Mancunian Agreements through consultations conducted in the Summer of 2006. The BME communities continue to participate in the development of pilot agreements, and in the future implementation and review of Mancunian Agreements.

Consultations are held through conferences, local Road Shows, surveys, focus groups and other events to ensure that BME Communities' priorities are reflected in all strategies, policies and programmes. Agenda 2010 support the Manchester BME Community Network to promote engagement of BME communities in the work of both Agenda 2010 and Manchester Partnership.