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Progress with Unity: Wigan Borough's Movement for change

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Progress with Unity, A new era for Wigan Borough



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Mission 1

**Create fair opportunities
for all children, families,
residents & businesses.**

*“Together, we will break down
the barriers that create
financial, health, education
and environmental inequalities
in our borough.”*

Mission 2

**Make all our towns and
neighbourhoods flourish for those
who live and work in them.**

*“Together, in genuine partnership
with our residents and businesses,
who know our communities best, we
will help each town and
neighbourhood in the borough to
celebrate and maintain their identity
whilst understanding and helping to
achieve what is needed to thrive.”*



We are stronger together when we...



See the person

Take a person-centred approach by putting people at the heart of every conversation, recognising their strengths and assets.



Listen deeply

Recognise that communities know best about what matters to them and design public services together.



Know this place

Focus on what helps prevent problems and connect up data and local insight to target when and where solutions are needed.



Connect to neighbourhoods

Place important services that span all generations close to where people call home and around our schools and GPs.



Do the right thing

Set the conditions for great ideas to flourish and for everyone to 'do the right thing'.



Show our love and pride

Show our love and pride for our work and borough and demonstrate this through our values and behaviours - Be Accountable, Be Courageous, Be Positive, Be Kind.

Developing a radical neighbourhood approach



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- Investing in community energy and community leaders.
- Shift power, resource & influence into communities.
- Recognise different neighbourhoods have different opportunities, assets & needs.
- Having the space to listen deeply to co-produce.
- Using the collective strength of community leadership, residents & services to work towards our missions as our guiding ambition over next 10 years.





Progress with Unity & Live Well



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- Progress with Unity is our overarching movement – Live Well is embedded.
- We are identifying a Progress with Unity eco-system (Live Well) of spaces that are in the heart of our neighbourhoods – VCFSE spaces/Libraries/Family Hubs/Be Well Centres.
- Building on existing strengths/assets in our neighbourhoods and wrap services around in the right way.
- We are committed to redirecting funds back into the VCFSE sector as trusted organisation in the heart of our communities.



LIVE WELL

**DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY WITH
GREATER MANCHESTER'S COMMUNITIES**



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GM Live Well funding



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- Also £10m government funding to reform employment support, helping people back into work with tailored help and advice – Path 2 Purpose – this means £1.2m for Wigan Borough.
- We have found out that we have year 2 funding, so the window has opened again to the VCFSE sector.



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Live Well Implementation Fund

- GM committed £10m investment from GMCA and NHS GM to develop GM's Live Well vision, with at least 50% to go directly to VCSFE partners – this means £1m for Wigan Borough and we are committing the full amount out to the sector.
- Working alongside Wigan Borough Community First we have identified three areas to utilise the funding.
- The first is around building improvements and will be launched in April

Pride In Place



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£20m from UK Government for the below areas in Wigan Borough, to be spent over the next 10 years...

- **Leigh town centre (Phase 1)**
- **Platt Bridge and Spring View (Phase 2)**
- **Marsh Green and Laithwaite (Phase 2)**



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Next steps:

- Appoint a chair and establish a Neighbourhood Board for both 'Phase 2' areas.
- Neighbourhood boards should be predominantly resident led, making up at least 51% of the board.
- Each neighbourhood board to be established by July 2026.



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