

Manchester Science Park

In 2012, Bruntwood acquired the private sector shareholding in Manchester Science Park; a public, private, academic partnership established in 1984 to support the growth of Manchester's knowledge economy.

Bruntwood SciTech (established in October 2018 and the UK's largest property portfolio dedicated to driving science and technology growth) is now the majority shareholder (60%) in Manchester Science Partnerships (MSP), alongside the University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT), Manchester City Council, Salford City Council and Cheshire East Council.

Since 2012, £23m has been invested into the remodelling of Manchester Science Park, including the acquisition of remaining buildings and development of a new build 70,000 sq ft hub - the Bright Building, plus £400,000 into an advanced energy strategy including installation of a Tesla battery enabling the Bright Building to be taken off grid, and a first-of-its-kind £50m Green Funding package from Lloyds Bank linked to the Park's sustainability initiatives.

A further £153m investment is planned for the Park's masterplan to grow to 1m sq ft due to continuing demand and occupancy over 95%. Its next phase will be a £19m redevelopment and expansion of one of its buildings taking it from 13,000 to 80,000 sq ft.

The Bright Building is a disruptor of science and tech property infrastructure due to its nature as a test bed 'living lab' for innovative technologies, many of which are developed from startups and SME businesses on the campus. The building's layout maximises collaboration opportunities with numerous open, flexible, indoor and outdoor workspaces. A studio, yoga space, cycle storage and ethical cafe are all designed to aid wellbeing.

The fully occupied Bright Building is also home to a digital technology co-innovation centre in partnership with Cisco, 'Mi-IDEA' - Manchester-inspired Innovation Digital Enterprise Alliance, and the HQ of CityVerve, the UK's only Internet of Things smart city demonstrator project.



Established 2012



£23m invested to date



70,000 sq ft new Bright Building - home to CityVerve HQ, Mi-IDEA



Further £153m investment planned to develop Park's masterplan



£19m re-development for BASE to increase from 13,000 to 80,000 sq ft



£400,000 investment into smart energy strategy including installation of a Tesla battery

