

## MINUTES

**Meeting:** Meeting of the Board of the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation

**Date:** 1 August 2022

**Time:** 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Place:** Stockport MDC Office, 4-6 Grand Central, Stockport, SK1 3TA

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### Present:

#### Board Members

Lord Kerslake (Chair)

Dr Louise Brooke-Smith, OBE (Private Sector Board Member)

Debbie Francis (Private Sector Board Member)

Danielle Gillespie (Homes England)

Councillor Mark Hunter (Leader of Stockport Council and Liberal Democrat Group Leader)

Councillor Mike Hurleston (Conservative Group Leader – Stockport Council)

Simon Nokes (Executive Director of Strategy & Policy - Greater Manchester Combined Authority)

Caroline Simpson (Chief Executive - Stockport Council)

Councillor Elise Wilson (Labour Group Leader – Stockport Council)

#### Observers

Councillor Anna Charles-Jones (Independent Ratepayers Group Leader - Stockport Council)

Councillor Gary Lawson (The Green Party Group Leader – Stockport Council)

#### Officers of the Corporation

Paul Richards (Chief Executive)

Kate Critchley (Corporation Solicitor)

Frances Jones (Head of Strategy and Operations)

### 1. Welcome and Chair's Opening Remarks

1.1. The Chair welcomed those present to the board meeting of Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC).

1.2. The Chair welcomed Frances Jones who has been appointed as the new Head of Strategy and Operations for the MDC and also welcomed Councillor Gary Lawson, The Green Party Group Leader, to the meeting.

**1.3. The Board appointed Councillor Gary Lawson as an Observer to the Board.**

1.4. The Board is recommended to agree to exclude the public and press from the meeting, in accordance with Part 1, paragraph 3 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in order to consider items 5, 6 and 8 on the agenda.

1.5. The Board agreed that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of items 5, 6 and 8 on the agenda) in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that such items would be likely to involve the disclosure of information relating to the business affairs of the Stockport MDC.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

2.1. Apologies for absence were received from Simon Marshall and Michael Cullen.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

3.1. Paul Richards and Caroline Simpson each declared their directorships of Stockport Hotel Management Company Limited, Stockport Exchange Phase 2 Limited and Stockport Exchange Phase 3 Limited. The companies each have an interest at Stockport Exchange which lies within the MDC boundary. No further action required to be taken.

3.2. There were no other declarations of interest relevant to items on the agenda.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 24 June 2022**

4.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2022 were approved as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**5. Update on 8 Acre Site Procurement (confidential)**

Minutes contained in confidential appendix.

**6. MDC Communications Plan Update (confidential)**

Minutes contained in confidential appendix.

**7. Update on Stockport Economic Plan**

The Chief Executive gave a short presentation updating the Board as regards progress made with the Council's Economic Plan. It was noted that there was clear ambition through the development of the Council's One Stockport Borough Plan to have a strong, joined up focus to driving the Council's economic ambitions and potential. 'Economy, skills and aspiration' were identified across all partners as an important priority for Stockport. It is intended that the Plan will be taken through the Council's governance procedures with a view to being launched in Autumn 2022. The priorities agreed set out the ambitions through to 2030. The Plan will be reviewed annually for progress reporting and responding to changing economic needs.

**8. Update report on delivering the 2022-2027 Business Plan (Confidential)**

Minutes contained in confidential appendix.

**9. Any Other Business**

Simon Nokes confirmed that the GMCA had approved the designation of a new Mayoral Development Zone across Rochdale, Bury and Oldham, known as Atom Valley.

**10. Close of Meeting**

The meeting ended at 12.30pm.