

## MINUTES

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

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Place:** Exchange Room, Holiday Inn Express, 11 Station Road, Stockport SK3 9JD

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### Present:

#### Members of the Board

Andy Burnham (Mayor of Greater Manchester) (Chair)

Danielle Gillespie (Homes England)

Councillor Mark Hunter (Liberal Democrat Group Leader - Stockport)

Councillor Mike Hurlston (Conservative Group Leader – Stockport)

Simon Nokes (Greater Manchester Combined Authority)

Pam Smith (Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council)

Councillor Elise Wilson (Leader of Stockport Council and Labour Group Leader)

#### Officers of the Corporation

Paul Richards (Interim Chief Executive)

Michael Cullen (Finance Director)

Kate Bentley (Corporation Solicitor)

#### Observers

Councillor Adrian Nottingham (Independent Ratepayers Group Leader - Stockport)

Caroline Simpson (Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council)

### 1. Welcome and Chair's Opening Remarks (Item 1)

The Chair welcomed those present to the second meeting of the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation. The Chair confirmed his belief that

Stockport is uniquely placed to bring forward successful regeneration using the Stockport MDC. The GM Mayor also confirmed how pleased he was to see cross party collaboration in bringing the proposition forwards.

**2. Apologies for Absence (Item 2)**

None.

**3. Declarations of Interest (Item 3)**

**3.1** Paul Richards and Caroline Simpson each declared their directorships of Stockport Hotel Management Company Limited and Stockport Exchange Phase 2 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** Danielle Gillespie declared an interest in Item 5 (Strategic Business Plan – Update and Progress-to Date) as a result of her employer Homes England’s financial interests in the St Thomas Hospital Site (clawback arrangements), Weir Mill (HIF Grant) and the Interchange (HIF Grant) – transactions entered into with Stockport Council. Due to Item 5 being a progress update, no further action required to be taken.

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

**4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th September 2019 and matters arising**

**4.1** The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**4.2** There were no matters arising.

**5. Strategic Business Plan – Update and Progress-to Date (Restricted Item)**

**5.1** 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 this item.

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

**5.3** The Interim Chief Executive introduced the report providing an update to the Board on the work the MDC has undertaken against the interim Strategic Business Plan since

it was created in September 2019 and the progress it has made in delivering its agreed objectives.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.4** The Board was recommended to:

- a) Note the update on delivery against the interim Strategic Business Plan; and
- b) Provide comment or direction on any areas of concern.

## **6. Approval of Appendices to the Constitution (Item 6)**

**6.1** The Corporation Solicitor introduced the report outlining a number of documents required to complement the constitution and provide a comprehensive governance model to determine the way the MDC operates. In particular, these items are the Board Members' Code of Conduct, the Officers' Code of Conduct, the Conflicts of Interest Policy and the Complaints Procedure.

**6.2** It was noted that the Finance Procedure Rules and Contract Procedure Rules were still in discussion between GMCA and Stockport Council and therefore would not be tabled at this meeting but brought to a future Board meeting. In the interim, the MDC will continue to adopt Stockport Council's Finance Procedure Rules and Contract Procedure Rules.

**6.3** The Corporation Solicitor also confirmed that the Register of Members' Interests would be published on the MDC's website shortly.

## **DECISIONS**

**6.4** It was agreed that the Board Members' Code of Conduct, the Officers' Code of Conduct, the Conflicts of Interest Policy and the Complaints Procedure be adopted by the MDC.

## **7. Board Membership (Item 7)**

**7.1** The Localism Act 2011 provides that the GM Mayor appoints the Chair of a Mayoral development corporation.

**7.2** The GM Mayor gave formal notice of his intention to appoint Lord Kerslake firstly to the Board of the Stockport MDC and secondly to chair the Stockport MDC and gave a

short statement in support of the appointment. The GM Mayor confirmed his intention to resign as current Chair of the Board at the end of the Board meeting.

- 7.3** The Board unanimously supported the appointment of Lord Kerslake as a Member of the Board and as future chair of the Board.

**DECISIONS**

- 7.4** The GM Mayor appointed Lord Kerslake as a Member of the Board and appointed Lord Kerslake as Chair of the Board.

- 7.5** The Board was invited to **note** the resignation of the GM Mayor as its Chair and member of the Board and note the appointment of Lord Kerslake as new Chair of the Stockport MDC.

**8. Close of Meeting (Item 8)**

The meeting ended at 14.15pm.

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Chair

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Date