

MINUTES

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

Date: 15 December 2020

Time: 13.30pm – 15.30pm

Place: Via Zoom

Present:

Members of the Board

Lord Bob Kerslake (Chair)

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

Debbie Francis (Private Sector Board Member)

Danielle Gillespie (Homes England)

Councillor Mark Hunter (Liberal Democrat Group Leader - Stockport)

Councillor Mike Hurleston (Conservative Group Leader – Stockport)

Simon Marshall (Private Sector Board Member)

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 (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

- 1.1** The Chair welcomed those present to the board meeting of Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC).
- 1.2** The Chair confirmed that in order to comply with the legal requirement of ensuring the meeting is accessible to the public, the meeting is to be live streamed on the MDC's website. It was proposed that the live streaming would be stopped for those agenda items which are confidential (those being items 6, 7, 8 and 9 on the agenda).
- 1.3** 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 6, 7, 8 and 9 on the agenda.
- 1.4** The Board agreed that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of items 6, 7, 8 and 9 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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elise Wilson.

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** Danielle Gillespie declared an interest in Items 7 and 8 due to her employer's (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.
- 3.3** There were no other declarations of interest relevant to items on the agenda.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2020 and matters arising

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2020 were approved as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

4.2 There were no matters arising.

5. How do we become the greenest? Discussion on sustainability within the MDC.

5.1 The Chief Executive gave a short presentation to the Board setting out an overview of the MDC's current activity to deliver its sustainability which demonstrated the breadth of work already underway while highlighting the incremental nature of the current programme. As the MDC moves into the next phase of its life, delivering its sustainability agenda will become more urgent and will require a different approach from the MDC.

5.2 Members recognised that the MDC has a crucial role to play in securing a sustainable environment at local level, whilst contributing to wider sustainability outcomes. It was acknowledged that the ambition and work to date of Stockport Council was a platform on which the MDC could build.

5.3 The Board agreed that sustainability should be embedded within everything and questioned the current approach to measuring social value. It was explained that social value is at the heart of Stockport Council's procurement rules.

5.4 It was acknowledged that third-party expertise in this area may well be useful and it was also highlighted that any strategy needs to be focussed and deliverable. The Board asked officers to obtain examples of best practice and where the MDC could learn from others and to report back.

5.5 Following the discussion, the Chief Executive confirmed that the residential design guide would embed certain aspects of sustainability strategy and confirmed the intention for the strategic regeneration framework to be transformed into a supplemental planning document to further support these values.

6. Update on Metrolink (Confidential)

Minutes contained in confidential appendix.

7. Update on Investment Strategy (Confidential)

Minutes contained in confidential appendix.

8. Update Report on Delivering the Business Plan (Confidential)

Minutes contained in confidential appendix.

9. Horizon Scanning (Confidential)

Minutes contained in confidential appendix.

10. Any other business

There was no other business.

11. Date of Next Meeting

19 March 2021 at 9.30am.

12. Close of Meeting

The meeting ended at 4:00pm.

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Chair

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Date