STOCKPORT MDC

UNSTOPPABLE STOCKPORT

Private Sector Board Member Candidate Pack, June 2026

Stockport Town Centre Mayoral Development Corporation

About the MDC

Over the last decade, Stockport has pioneered one of the UK's most significant town centre regeneration programmes, redefining what a modern, thriving town centre can be. Since 2019, Stockport MDC has played a key role in that success, accelerating delivery of Stockport Council's bold vision for the town. More than 1,200 new homes have been delivered alongside award-winning infrastructure and multiple phases of Grade A office space at the town's new commercial district, Stockport Exchange. As the first MDC in Greater Manchester and the first in the country to focus on a town centre, Stockport has been a pioneer, moving quickly from innovative concept to proven delivery vehicle.

As the MDC enters a new phase of growth, bold ambition and local leadership continue to define its development. In 2026, Stockport Council and Greater Manchester Mayor secured Parliamentary approval to triple the area covered by the MDC and double the target number of homes from 4,000 to 8,000.

The MDC Board will play a central role in steering this next phase, providing strategic oversight, strong governance and informed challenge as delivery expands. As the organisation enters this pivotal stage, the Board will be critical to maintaining momentum and ensuring regeneration continues to deliver lasting benefits for Stockport. We are therefore delighted to be recruiting a new Private Sector Board Member to join the Board at this important moment.

Our Ambition

The MDC is the delivery vehicle for Stockport Council's 'One Stockport One Future' 2040 vision for the town centre:

- **8,000 new homes**
- **1 million sq ft of new employment space**
- New and enhanced **social infrastructure**, including a town centre school and health hub

These headline targets mark a significant step change in both the **scale** and **pace** of delivery, reflecting the expanded geography and renewed ambition of the MDC.

Progress to Date

More than a decade of sustained local leadership and investment has repositioned Stockport as a national exemplar of town centre renewal. In 2024 the town was named the Best Place to Live in the North West by the Sunday Times.

The role of the MDC has been to place residential regeneration at the heart of Stockport's success. Significant public and private investment has translated into visible delivery on the ground. Flagship schemes include:

- The award-winning Stockport Interchange, a landmark scheme combining a state-of-the-art transport interchange, a two-acre rooftop park and 196 new homes;
- 170,0000 sq. ft. of Grade A office space at Stockport Exchange, south Manchester's fastest growing new business district;
- Major residential-led developments, including Capital&Centric's 253 home, Grade II-listed mill conversion at Weir Mill and Cityheart's 442 home Stopford Park scheme, which are helping to establish town centre living at scale and reinforce Stockport's position as one of the UK's leading regeneration stories.

The creation of the expanded MDC in 2026 marks a decisive new phase, extending its geography to the whole town centre and accelerating delivery at scale. The focus is now on unlocking complex sites, enabling investment (including in early delivery of social infrastructure) and ensuring regeneration contributes meaningfully to the thriving of Stockport beyond the town centre and delivers benefits for people across the Borough.

Our Board

The MDC is a statutory organisation created to drive the regeneration of Stockport Town Centre. The MDC Board has overall responsibility for all aspects of the organisation's business. Chaired by Lord Gavin Barwell, its membership includes representatives from Stockport Council's main political parties, Homes England and senior private sector Board Members who bring specialist expertise in large-scale regeneration. The leaders of the Council's smaller political parties also attend Board meetings as associate Board Members, alongside senior officers of the Council and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

Private Sector Board Members help ensure the MDC remains a credible, delivery-focused organisation, bringing both strategic insight and constructive challenge.

The Role

As a Private Sector Board Member, you will help shape and oversee the next phase of Stockport's transformation.

This is a strategic role requiring sound commercial judgement, a collaborative approach and the ability to operate effectively in a public-interest environment.

Key Responsibilities

- Contribute to the **strategic direction and long-term vision** of the MDC
- Provide **constructive challenge and support** to the Chair and MDC Executive Team

- Monitor **performance and delivery** against agreed objectives and targets
- Ensure robust **financial oversight and risk management**
- Uphold the highest standards of **governance, accountability and transparency**
- Support the MDC in building strong **partnerships and attracting investment**
- Act as an **ambassador** for the MDC at local, regional and national levels

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Person Specification

As Stockport MDC enters its next phase, we are seeking a new Private Sector Board Member who will bring distinctive expertise and strategic value.

This role requires an experienced leader who is effective around the Board table and in practice, and who can operate confidently across both public and private sector contexts.

Candidates should bring:

- Senior leadership or Board-level experience in **housing delivery, regeneration, placemaking or inclusive growth**
- A proven ability to **challenge constructively**, support robust decision-making and strengthen governance
- A track record of working with **local authorities, combined authorities, development corporations or similar public bodies**
- Strong understanding of **public–private partnership delivery models**, including funding and delivery structures
- Experience of delivering **high-quality, sustainable, residential-led mixed-use schemes**, particularly in complex urban or brownfield settings

We are particularly interested in candidates who can bring:

- **Nationally recognised experience** in establishing and advising on effective public–private partnership delivery models, including funding and delivery structures.
- A **strong understanding of the delivery of a range of housing types and tenures**, working with diverse developers and funding mechanisms
- Ideally a **working knowledge of the north west region**

The successful candidate will combine sound commercial judgement with a deep appreciation of public value, long-term stewardship and the importance of operating within a political context, bringing integrity, independence and strong professional networks aligned to our ambition to deliver 8,000 new homes and accelerate momentum across Stockport town centre.

Time Commitment and Remuneration

- Approximately **1 day per month**

- **£12,000 per annum**, plus reasonable expenses

Why Join the MDC Board?

This is an opportunity to help shape one of the UK's most significant town centre regeneration programmes.

As a Board Member, you will help shape the future of Stockport—supporting delivery at scale, influencing national best practice and ensuring regeneration delivers meaningful, long-term outcomes for residents, businesses and communities.

How to Apply

Candidates are invited to submit:

- A **CV**, and
- A **supporting statement / expression of interest** outlining their interest in the role and how their experience aligns with the requirements

Submissions should be sent to StockportMDC@stockport.gov.uk. The deadline for submission is **midnight 13th July 2026.**

If you have any queries or would like any further information about the role please contact Catherine Chilvers, Managing Director catherine.chilvers@stockport.gov.uk 07356 315821