

## **Proposed Dissolution of Stockport Town Centre West MDC**

Stockport Town Centre West MDC Board, 11 June 2026  
Report of the Corporation Solicitor

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Stockport Town Centre Mayoral Development Corporation (Establishment) Order 2026 came into force on 23 February 2026, thereby establishing the new Stockport Town Centre Mayoral Development Corporation.
- 1.2 The Board confirmed its support for the proposed dissolution of the Stockport Town Centre West MDC at the meeting on 20 March 2026. This report provides an update on the process for dissolution and the administrative requirements to facilitate this.

### **2. Process for dissolution**

- 2.1 The dissolution of an MDC in Greater Manchester is governed by the Localism Act 2011 Part 8, Chapter 2, as modified by the Schedule to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017 ("The Act"). It is acknowledged that the dissolution of an MDC is a GM Mayoral function.
- 2.2 Provided there are no property, rights or liabilities vested in an MDC, the GM Mayor is able to request that the Secretary of State revokes the statutory instrument which established the MDC, which in this case is the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation (Establishment) Order 2019.
- 2.3 Once the Secretary of State receives such a request, they will prepare and lay the appropriate Order before Parliament under the negative Procedure. This means the Order will come into force and the MDC will be formally dissolved, subject to no motion from either House to reject the Order within a specified period, usually 40 sitting days.
- 2.4 The GM Mayor must then revoke the designation of the Mayoral development area for which the MDC was established.
- 2.5 The Board has considered the report regarding the publication of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The MDC will not be able to confirm that it has no outstanding liabilities or obligations, until the statutory public rights period has concluded and the external auditor has completed their review and issued their final certificate, which is typically received in September.
- 2.6 Once this has been done, the proposal is that each Associate Member and Associate Member (Officio) serve formal notice of resignation from their respective posts and that each Board Member serve formal notice of

resignation on the GM Mayor. Directors & Officers indemnity insurance cover would also be brought to an end at this point.

- 2.7 This will then mean that there are no property, rights or liabilities vested in the MDC enabling the Managing Director to write to the GM Mayor to confirm there are no property, rights or interests vested in the MDC and to confirm the support of the Board to the proposed dissolution of the MDC.
- 2.8 It is anticipated that this notification may be made in September 2026, which will then enable the statutory process for dissolution to commence.

### **3. Recommendations**

The Board are therefore recommended to note the process for the proposed dissolution of the MDC.