

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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

**Date:** 20 March 2026

**Time:** 1pm

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

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### **PRESENT**

#### **Board members:**

Cllr Mark Roberts (Leader of Stockport Council and Liberal Democrat Group Leader)  
Cllr Christine Carrigan (Labour Group Leader - Stockport Council)  
Dr Louise Brooke-Smith, OBE (Private Sector Board Member)

#### **Associate members:**

Cllr Gary Lawson (Green Party Group Leader – Stockport Council)  
Cllr Anna Charles-Jones (Independent Ratepayers Group Leader - Stockport Council)  
Cllr Joe Barratt (Bredbury and Woodley Independents Group Leader – Stockport Council)  
Michael Cullen (Chief Executive - Stockport Council)  
Andrew McIntosh (Director of Place - Greater Manchester Combined Authority)  
Paul Richards (Deputy Chief Executive - Stockport Council)

#### MDC Officers

Catherine Chilvers (Managing Director)  
Jonathan Davies (Chief Finance Officer)  
Kate Critchley (Corporation Solicitor)  
Frances Jones (Head of Strategy and Operations)

### **1. Election of Chair for the meeting**

- 1.1 The Managing Director recommended Louise Brooke-Smith to Chair the meeting in accordance with paragraph 6.17 of the Constitution. The Board unanimously agreed.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed those present to the Board meeting of Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC).

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Matt Wynne, Simon Marshall and Danielle Gillespie. Under the Constitution, at least 4 board members must be present for the meeting to be quorate and accordingly this meant that the meeting would be inquorate. However an informal meeting would still be held, the notes of which would be circulated to board members.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

3.1 Paul Richards declared his directorship 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 as it lies within the MDC boundary. No further action required.

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

## **4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2025 could not be approved as a correct record as the meeting was inquorate. The minutes will be brought to the next board meeting of the MDC for approval.

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

5.1 The Corporation Solicitor presented a report which confirmed that The Stockport Town Centre Mayoral Development Corporation (Establishment) Order 2026 had come into force on 23 February 2026, thereby establishing the new Stockport Town Centre Mayoral Development Corporation. Now that this had occurred, the intention was to progress the dissolution of the Stockport Town Centre West MDC. It was acknowledged that the dissolution of an MDC is a GM Mayoral function (rather than a Board function) and accordingly the report set out the process for dissolution and sought support from the Board to the proposed dissolution.

5.2 The Board:

5.2.1 Confirmed its support for the proposed dissolution of the Stockport Town Centre West MDC and acknowledged that no further business would be transacted by the MDC unless required for audit or governance purposes; and

5.2.2 Agreed with the proposal for the Managing Director to write to the GM Mayor once it has been confirmed that there are no property, rights or interests vested in the MDC to confirm its support for the dissolution of the Stockport Town Centre West MDC.

**6. Any other business**

There was no other business.

**7. Close of meeting**

The meeting ended at 1.10pm.