

**MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION INVESTMENT FACILITY – AMENDMENT TO
CABINET DECISION OF 1ST OCTOBER 2019**

Report of the Borough Treasurer, Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. In line with the Council's ambitious long-term vision for the future of Stockport's Town Centre West, Cabinet approved the creation of a strategic investment facility at its meeting on 1st October 2019 to support investment which could kick start the regeneration of the Town Centre West area.
- 1.2. Through this investment facility the Council will be able to take catalytic early intervention measures aimed at accelerating the pace at which the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) can deliver the vision set out in the Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) for the area, as approved by Cabinet on 12th November 2019.
- 1.3. Cabinet at its meeting on 1st October 2019 agreed to:
 - 1.3.1. Approve the principle of a strategic approach to Council investment to support the regeneration of Town Centre West and the MDC as described in the October report
 - 1.3.2. Approve the creation of a recyclable equity and loan facility with an upper limit of £100m to support the MDC delivery strategy as set out in Section 5 of the covering report
 - 1.3.3. Delegate authority for the appraisal, due diligence, and approval of individual loan agreements on a scheme-by-scheme basis to the Borough Treasurer and Corporate Director for Place in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Resources, Commissioning, & Governance and Economy & Regeneration.
- 1.4. As the Council has worked through potential investment opportunities in line with the principles set out in the October report, it has become clear that the wording of the delegation for the approval of investments (quoted at paragraph 1.3.3 above) does not allow for equity or grant investment to be approved.
- 1.5. This report recommends an amendment to the wording of the approved delegated authority to allow the approval of equity and grant investments, as well as loan investments.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. Cabinet is recommended to amend its decision taken in response to the recommendation at paragraph 8.1.3 in the 1st October Cabinet report to read:

- 2.1.1. Authority be delegated to the Borough Treasurer and Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Resources, Commissioning, & Governance, Economy & Regeneration and for Sustainable Stockport, for the appraisal, due diligence, and approval of individual investment agreements (including but not limited to land assembly, loan, equity, and grant agreements) on a scheme-by-scheme basis.
- 2.2. The remaining elements of the October Cabinet decision in response to the recommendations in paragraphs 8.1.1 and 8.1.2 of the October report remain unaffected by this recommended amendment as do the context, rationale, and investment principles set out in the main body of the October report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Town Centre Challenge & Mayoral Development Corporations, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, 28th September 2018

Mayoral Development Corporation, Cabinet, 18th December 2018

Town Centre Challenge Update - Mayoral Development Corporation, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, 29th March 2019

Creation of a Mayoral Development Corporation for Town Centre West, Cabinet, 23rd April, 2019

Town Centre West Strategic Regeneration Framework Consultation, Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee, 5th August 2019 and Economy & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, 8th August 2019

Mayoral Development Corporation Board Membership, Cabinet, 20th August, 2019

Mayoral Development Corporation Investment Facility, Cabinet, 1st October, 2019

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