

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject:** Creation of a One Stockport Hub in Stockport Town Centre

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Report of:** (a) Report of the Cabinet Member for Citizen Focus and Engagement and the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration.

**Key Decision:** (b) Y

Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency  (Mark with a Y if applicable)

**Summary:**

The report sets out the proposal to establish a new cultural and social hub in Stockport town centre, provisionally titled 'One Stockport Hub'; seeks approval from Cabinet to the proposal in principle; and requests that delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Citizen Focus & Engagement and the Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration to take the necessary decisions to implement the proposal.

**Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member:** (c)

One Stockport Hub represents an exciting opportunity to create a vibrant community and cultural offer in the heart of Stockport Town Centre which includes a library, heritage and digital offer fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Placing this offer in an area of high footfall with accessible parking and public transport will enable more people to enjoy the offer – at a time when usage of public libraries in particular is declining across the UK – whilst also contributing to the revitalisation of Stockport Town Centre. This proposal is envisaged as an important precursor to the Council's ambitious plans for a larger community and cultural hub for which the Council has applied for Future High Streets Funding.

**Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member:** (d)

Cabinet are recommended to approve the proposal in principle and to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Citizen Focus & Engagement and the Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration to take the necessary decisions to implement the proposal.

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): (e)

Corporate, Resource Management & Governance

**Background Papers** (if report for publication): (f)

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**Officer:** Paul Richards, Kirsteen

**'Urgent Business': (g)**

**Yes/ No (Please circle)**

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

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