

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET- SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Stockport Stations Alliance

Date: 27 April 2021

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance
Cabinet Member Economy & Regeneration

Key Decision: (b) Y

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

Summary:

The Council has entered into an alliance with London & Continental Railways (LCR), Network Rail, Transport for Greater Manchester and GMCA known as 'The Alliance' with the aim of assessing the potential to unlock development opportunities at Stockport rail station sites in conjunction with surrounding land.

Investigations to date have identified four locations at Bramhall, Cheadle Hulme, Hazel Grove and Marple which are felt worthy of further consideration however only Cheadle Hulme and Hazel Grove are being progressed for additional exploration at this point.

Advancing these sites will require no financial commitment from the Council but LCR require confirmation that the Council will commit to being a strategic partner in the proposals.

The report requests to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive Place and to the Deputy Chief Executive CSS in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance, Resources and Commissioning, and the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration, to agree the terms of the strategic relationship with LCR, TfGM and Network Rail in order to provide the necessary commitment to LCR.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Members: (c)

We endorse the work of The Alliance to date in establishing the opportunities in the Stockport Station Development Portfolio and this should continue with the Council as a strategic partner. This commitment is given on the understanding that it will not require the Council to make any financial outlay at this stage or to commit to disposal of any of the Council's landholdings

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

The Cabinet is recommended to:-

- Endorse the work carried out to date and confirm that the Council should continue to progress the strategic relationship with LCR, TfGM and Network Rail with regards potential redevelopment plans around Cheadle Hulme and Hazel Grove Stations;
- Authorise the investigation of opportunities at the other Stockport stations;
- Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive Place and to the Deputy Chief Executive CSS in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance, Resources and Commissioning, and the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration, to agree the terms of the strategic relationship with LCR, TfGM and Network Rail in order to provide the necessary commitment to LCR.

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

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

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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'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.
