



MIDDLESBROUGH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD

Wednesday 22nd March 2023
1pm

Mandela Room, Middlesbrough Town Hall, Albert Road,
Middlesbrough, TS1 2QJ

These minutes are in draft form until approved at the next Board meeting and are therefore subject to amendments.

<u>ATTENDEES</u>	
<u>Members</u>	
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chair)	Tees Valley Mayor
Andy Preston (Vice Chair)	Independent Member
Paul Booth	Independent Member (via Teams)
Idrees Rashid	Independent Member
Mieka Smiles	Elected Member of Middlesbrough Council
Steve Turner	Independent Member
Julie Gilhespie	Associate Member
Richard Horniman	Associate Member
Mark Webster	Independent Advisor
<u>Officers in Attendance</u>	
Gary Macdonald	Group Director of Finance & Resources (TVCA)
Sarah Walker	Head of Investment Development (TVCA)
Victoria Pescod	In House Lawyer (TVCA)
Nicola Dean	Governance & Scrutiny Officer (TVCA)
<u>Apologies</u>	
Tony Parkinson	Associate Member
Emma Simson	Interim Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer TVCA)

MDC 01/22	<p>CHAIRS WELCOME & INTRODUCTION</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Members to the first meeting of the Middlesbrough Development Corporation (MDC) Board.</p>
MDC 02/22	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.</p>
MDC 03/22	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no interests declared.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Board will review and decide on schemes of delegation at the next meeting.</p> <p>Members were informed the MDC Board would make decisions on strategic planning applications within the red line boundary and as such, all Members would be required to complete future training on this area and governance of the MDC. The Board were advised that in order to sit on the Board, this training was mandatory for planning purposes.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: Planning Training to be organised for Board Members.</p>
MDC 04/22	<p>MIDDLESBROUGH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DRAFT CONSTITUTION</p> <p>The Chair informed Members that the Middlesbrough Development Corporation Constitution had undergone a thorough consultation process and was subsequently endorsed by the 5 Leaders of the Combined Authority.</p> <p>It was agreed Mark Webster, (MW), be noted as an Independent Advisor until his statutory obligations as Chief Constable and his role on the Board were finalised. It was agreed that there would be an update on this at the next meeting.</p> <p>Members discussed the process by which the MDC takes responsibility for Planning. Members were informed that it was expected that planning powers within the red-line boundary would be conferred on to MDC on 1st June. The asset transfer consultation was expected to open during April and, subject to the outcome of this, assets are expected to legally transfer in the Summer.</p> <p>A Member queried if there was any personal liability if a decision was made that may impact a business. It was clarified that MDC is a legal entity so any issues arising would be brought against the DC itself. It was confirmed there would be awareness raising on this and how the DC sits alongside other interests in the town.</p> <p>The Board discussed what may happen to assets if MDC wound down. It was explained that where the DC still owns assets at the end of its life, they would be transferred back to the LA.</p>

	<p>The Board discussed the legal requirement for an elected Middlesbrough Council member on the Board, and it was clarified that should that Member not be re-elected, a formal resignation would need to be submitted, and another elected Member nominated in their place.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: - The Board endorsed the DRAFT Middlesbrough Development Corporation Constitution as FINAL.</p>
<p><i>THE MAYOR PROPOSED A MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS & PUBLIC FROM THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL ITEM UNDER THE TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972</i></p> <p><i>This was agreed by Steve Turner (ST) and seconded by Idrees Rashid, (IR).</i></p>	
<p>MDC 05/22</p>	<p>PROJECT DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>A presentation on the Project Development Pipeline was delivered to the Board.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: - Members noted the presentation.</p>
<p>MDC 06/22</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>A meeting was agreed to be arranged for May time following local elections.</p>