

#### **EXECUTIVE**

Date: Wednesday, 3 August 2022

Time: 11.00 a.m. Venue: Mandela Room

## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

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#### **EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR REGENERATION**

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5. Any other urgent items which in the opinion of the Chair, may be considered.

Charlotte Benjamin
Director of Legal and Governance Services

Town Hall Middlesbrough Wednesday, 27 July 2022

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Mayor A Preston (Chair) and Councillors B Cooper, D Coupe, TA Grainge, S Hill, L Mason, E Polano, M Smiles and S Walker.

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Agenda Item 3

Executive 12 July 2022

#### **EXECUTIVE**

A meeting of the Executive was held on Tuesday 12 July 2022.

PRESENT: Councillors M Smiles (Chair), B Cooper, D Coupe, TA Grainge, S Hill, L Mason,

E Polano, M Smiles and S Walker

PRESENT BY INVITATION:

Councillor J McTigue

**OFFICERS:** C Benjamin, S Butcher, R Horniman, A Mace, E McInnes, T Parkinson,

S Reynolds, E Scollay and I Wright

**APOLOGIES FOR** 

Mayor A Preston

**ABSENCE:** 

#### 22/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name of Member	Type of Interest	Item/Nature of Interest
Councillor L Mason	Non-Pecuniary	Agenda Item 13 - EXEMPT Strategic
		Housing Site Disposals - Part B,
		Ward Councillor for Coulby Newham
Councillor S Walker	Non-Pecuniary	Agenda Item 13 - EXEMPT Strategic
		Housing Site Disposals - Part B,
		Ward Councillor for Coulby Newham

#### **MINUTES - EXECUTIVE - 7 JUNE 2022**

The minutes of the Executive meeting held on 7 June 2022 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## 22/13 **MINUTES - EXECUTIVE - 14 JUNE 2022**

The minutes of the Executive meeting held on 14 June 2022 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## 22/14 APPLICATION TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) TO ACHIEVE AGE FRIENDLY STATUS

The Executive Member for Adult Health and Public Protection and Digital Inclusion and the Director of Public Health submitted a report for the Executive's consideration. The purpose of the report was to seek approval for an application to the World Health Organisation (WHO) for Middlesbrough Council to join the Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities to achieve Age Friendly Town Status.

The submitted report included:

- information on the Age-friendly Communities Framework developed by WHO (see paragraphs 2 to 5 of the submitted report)
- an overview of some of the current achievements of the Age Friendly Middlesbrough Steering Group (see paragraphs 8 to 12); and
- information on becoming a member of the WHO Global Network global network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC) and the benefits for Middlesbrough (see paragraphs 13 to 17).

#### **ORDERED**

- 1. That an application be submitted to the WHO GNAFCC for Middlesbrough Council to achieve age friendly status.
- 2. That a covering letter from the Mayor be included with the application.

#### **REASON**

Cities and communities could join the network with the commitment by the political leadership to engage in the process and they were welcome to remain in the network for as long as they stayed engaged and shared their experience with fellow members.

An eligible member of the WHO GNAFCC was required to be:

- A directly elected or mandated public governing body possessing within a given territory, as defined by law, a set of competences to deliver public goods and services to citizens. Given the diverse allocation of responsibility for health policy and community planning among countries, membership was inclusive of sub-national organisational levels from the provincial or state level, to villages and townships with limited population numbers.
- The authority and capacity to convene mechanisms for inter-sectoral collaboration, conduct baseline assessments and to develop, implement and monitor action plans aimed at making the cities and communities under their sphere of influence more age-friendly.

#### 22/15 WELFARE STRATEGY

The Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Director of Finance submitted a report for the Executive's consideration. The purpose of the report was to seek approval to adopt a new Welfare Strategy, which brought together a significant number of existing and future policies under one overall strategic approach.

The intended purpose of the Welfare Strategy was to support Middlesbrough's most vulnerable residents (which formed part of the strategic plan), who were in need of financial assistance, advice and support. The strategy provided a menu of support mechanisms that were designed to respond to situations such as the recent cost of living crisis, consequences of the pandemic (also linking in to the strategic plan), and any other external factors that impact the financial pressures on residents and businesses. The strategy was designed to provide a single point of contact as a means to access that support.

The proposed Welfare Strategy was included at Appendix 1 of the submitted report.

#### **OPTIONS**

No other potential decisions had been recommended as the strategy provided an overarching and consolidated approach to considering residents' needs in line with the approved supporting policies which informed the strategy.

#### **ORDERED**

- 1. That the Welfare Strategy be adopted.
- 2. That delegated authority be provided to the Director of Finance, as Section 151 Officer, to approve any future revisions to the strategy.

#### REASON

The Council now had a significant number of welfare related policies and those would continue to evolve over time. The adoption of the Welfare Strategy planned to provide a corporate and coordinated approach which would ensure future policies would complement and strengthen the strategy.

The Welfare Strategy planned to ensure targeted support was provided for the financially vulnerable within the town, through a menu of financial assistance, advice and support.

22/16 FINAL REPORT OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL CARE AND SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL - LOCALITY WORKING FROM A CHILDREN'S SERVICES PERSPECTIVE - SERVICE RESPONSE

The item was deferred due to the absence of the Scrutiny Chair.

## 22/17 FINAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SCRUTINY PANEL - GREEN STRATEGY - SERVICE RESPONSE

The Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel had undertaken a review of the Green Strategy. A copy of the full report was attached.

The scrutiny panel had made 10 recommendations upon which a response was sought from the relevant service area. The Executive Member for Environment and the Director of Environment and Community Services submitted a service response to the recommendations of the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel. A copy of the action plan was attached.

The Chair of the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel presented the final report to the Executive. The Executive Member for Environment presented the service response.

#### **ORDERED**

- 1. That the content of the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel's final report, on the Green Strategy, be noted.
- 2. That the action plan, developed in response to the scrutiny panel's recommendations, be approved.

#### **REASON**

It was a requirement that Executive formally considered the scrutiny panel's report and confirmed the service area's response to the panel's accompanying plan.

#### 22/18 RESTORATION OF THE OLD TOWN HALL

The Executive Member for Regeneration and the Director of Regeneration and Culture submitted a report for the Executive's consideration. The purpose of the report was to seek approval to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to secure funding to support the regeneration of the Old Town Hall (OTH).

The Town's Fund investment planned to enable an element of restoration, but it would only ensure that the building was structurally safe and water tight. The current condition of disrepair was such that without additional funding from the HLF or alternative sources, the Council would be unable to fully redevelop the asset and bring it back in to use for economic and community benefit.

In order to fulfil the objectives of strategic priority (TOC 04) it was imperative that Middlesbrough Council submitted an EOI to the HLF to secure funding to fully develop the asset. Without permission to bid for funding, or in the instance of an unsuccessful bid, the OTH would be made structurally sound using the current allocation of Town's Fund money but the building would not be brought back in to an operational use. The longer the building remained without a commercial use, the more it was at risk of future deterioration.

#### **OPTIONS**

- Do nothing the OTH's condition would have continued to deteriorate and placed the buildings future at risk, which would have been detrimental to the wider development ambitions of the Boho/Middlehaven area.
- 2. To progress immediately with the structural and remedial works identified as part of the Towns Fund allocation That would have safeguarded the building and ensured it was structurally safe. The building could then have been marketed to potential tenants, however, the works would not have been sufficient to bring the building back in to an operational use and there would have been the requirement for a significant capital investment from any potential tenant.

#### **ORDERED**

1. That an Expression of Interest to the Heritage Lottery Fund be submitted, to support the restoration and redevelopment of the Old Town Hall.

#### **REASON**

The needs of the OTH and the desire to bring the building back into use outstrip the funding available from the Towns Fund.

Uniquely, the Towns Fund sum provided the Council with the availability of a significant match funding contribution, as required by the HLF. Should the opportunity to utilise that match funding now be missed, then further development work required to bring the OTH back into use (in line with the strategic priority TOC 04) would need to be sought from the capital pot.

Should the EOI be unsuccessful, the Council would progress at once with works to ensure the building was structurally sound, utilising the available Towns Fund budget.

#### 22/19 STRATEGIC HOUSING SITE DISPOSALS - PART A

The Executive Member for Regeneration, the Executive Member for Finance and Governance, the Director of Regeneration and Culture and the Director of Finance submitted a report for the Executive's consideration. The purpose of the report was to seek approval for the disposal of sites in South Middlesbrough, which were allocated in the Housing Local Plan (2014), in accordance with the Council's Asset Disposal Process, and to advise of the next steps to take those sites to market.

The implications of the recommendations of Part B of the report had been considered by the appropriate officers of the Council and were set out in the main body of the submitted report.

#### **OPTIONS**

The recommendations of Part B of the report sought approval for the disposal of sites in South Middlesbrough, which were allocated in the Housing Local Plan (2014). There were significant implications of any potential decisions that would result in the Council not disposing of those sites for housing development. The overall integrity of the Local Plan depended upon the land supply identified within it being made available, and the Council would be open to significant challenge from the housebuilding industry if it were seen to constrain land supply.

The Council's approach to housing site disposals was based on maximising capital receipts by 'de-risking' sites by undertaking site investigation works, producing design guidance or masterplans, gaining outline planning approval and competitively marketing sites. The Council could elect not to 'de-risk' the sites prior to marketing, but it would result in a reduced capital receipt.

The proposed disposals identified represented the most advantageous route for that site, based on the information currently available.

#### **ORDERED**

- 1. That the information contained in Part A of the report be noted.
- That the decision be taken once all the financial or exempt information contained in Part B of the report had been considered.

### **REASON**

The development of the identified sites would bring surplus, vacant and underutilised Council held assets into far more beneficial use in the future - creating new communities and high quality places.

The three Council owned sites were critical to the supply of land for housing development and were in turn, critical, for supporting economic growth in the town and the delivery of Council services.

The disposal of the subject parcels of land was recommended in order to meet the Council's requirements to generate capital receipts, increase annually recurring revenue streams.

With interest in Middlesbrough's sites strong, and a buoyant property market nationally, it was timely to bring those three sites forward for development, to ensure that the maximum capital receipt was achieved and that the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan was delivered.

Middlesbrough's housing offer needed to keep pace with the demands of the market. The release and development of those sites planned to allow that to be achieved; stemming outward migration and making Middlesbrough a desirable place to live, with a quantity of residential properties that would address the requirements of a changing, growing and evolving population.

Furthermore, those sites were allocated in the 2014 Local Plan and had to be brought to market to avoid the plan being compromised, and potentially challenged by developers if the Council were seen as constraining the overall land supply.

#### 22/20 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The resolution to exclude the press and the public was agreed.

#### 22/21 EXEMPT STRATEGIC HOUSING SITE DISPOSALS - PART B

The Executive Member for Regeneration, the Executive Member for Finance and Governance, the Director of Regeneration and Culture and the Director of Finance submitted a report for the Executive's consideration.

#### **ORDERED**

That the recommendations of the report be approved.

#### **REASONS**

The decision was supported by the following reason:

For reasons outlined in the report.

#### 22/22 EXEMPT CENTRE SQUARE - FURTHER OFFICE PROVISION

The Executive Member for Regeneration and the Director of Regeneration and Culture submitted a report for the Executive's consideration.

#### **ORDERED**

That the recommendations of the report be approved.

## **REASONS**

The decision was supported by the following reason:

For reasons outlined in the report.

The decision(s) will come into force after five working days following the day the decision(s) was published unless the decision becomes subject to the call in procedures.



## MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL



Report of:	Executive Member for Regeneration	
	Director of Regeneration and Culture	
Submitted to:	Executive	
Date:	3 August 2022	
Title:	Mayoral Development Corporation – Consultation Response	
Report for:	Decision	
Status:	Public	
Strategic priority:	Town Centre	
Key decision:	Yes	
Why:	Decision(s) will have a significant impact in two or more wards	
Urgent:	Yes	
Why:	Needs consideration before consultation deadline	

## **Executive summary**

The Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) has indicated that it wishes to establish a Mayoral Development Corporation covering Middlesbrough Town Centre and Middlehaven.

One of the first stages of the process to establish such a vehicle is to consult with stakeholders. A public consultation on the subject has therefore been opened, with a deadline for responses of August 4<sup>th</sup>. An Executive decision is required to endorse the Council's response, as the establishment of such a corporation would have a significant effect on both the town and the Council.

This report sets out the principles of the Council's response to the consultation, so it can be submitted by the required deadline.

The overall tone of the consultation response is one of broad support, but with requests to be involved in some of the detail being developed around specific powers. The response also sets out that the corporation must not have a detrimental impact on the Council's MTFP.

The response to the consultation has been considered by officers, including those involved in the early stages of the development corporation process from a finance and governance perspective. A positive endorsement from Executive would see the response submitted by the 4<sup>th</sup> August deadline.

## **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to highlight the potential establishment of a mayoral development corporation in Middlesbrough, and the seek endorsement for a council response to the current consultation exercise being undertaken by TVCA.

## **Background and relevant information**

- 2. Mayoral Development Corporations
- 3. In May TVCA announced that it intended to establish a mayoral development corporation that would cover Middlesbrough Town Centre (including Middlehaven). The announcement stated that "The Middlesbrough MDC provides an unprecedented opportunity to define the place, its purpose, ambition, values and target market. It will give the region the tools to speed up delivery of what we need to build strong foundations, attract private investment, people and businesses, while enhancing the town for residents and visitors".
- 4. A Mayoral Development Corporation, or MDC, is a statutory body created to accelerate the regeneration of a defined area. It can draw on a wide range of powers to acquire, develop, hold and dispose of land and property, and develop infrastructure.
- 5. The power to establish a mayoral development corporation is set out in the Localism Act 2011 that empowers the Secretary of State, by order, to establish a Development Corporation for an area and to give that corporation a name notified by the Mayor. Orders would also be placed with the Secretary of State to define the powers and responsibilities of the corporation, but the powers and responsibilities vested in the corporation can clearly vary depending on what an area is trying to achieve. These powers could include:
  - a. infrastructure;
  - b. regeneration, development of land and other related activities;
  - c. acquisition of land by compulsory purchase and overriding third party rights to its land;
  - d. adoption of private streets;
  - e. carrying on of business by the MDC and its participation in subsidiaries and other companies;
  - f. giving of financial assistance;
  - g. planning (including powers set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990); and.
  - h. discretionary relief to business (non-domestic rates) rate payers.
- 6. Such a corporation would be classed as a public body with regard to issues such as the Freedom of Information Act.
- 7. The concept of mayoral development corporations is not new within Tees Valley, and regeneration of the Teesworks site in Redcar and Cleveland is managed through a similar vehicle. The success of that vehicle is stated by TVCA as a key factor in pushing for something similar in Middlesbrough.

- 8. In this instance, the objectives of the corporation would be:
  - To further the economic development and regeneration of the Middlesbrough area, so that it becomes a major contributor to the Tees Valley economy and the delivery of the Tees Valley's Strategic Economic Plan
  - To attract private sector investment and secure additional jobs, available for the people of the Tees Valley
  - To transform and improve the environment of the Corporation area, providing good quality commercial, cultural, leisure and housing facilities for the benefit of the people of Middlesbrough.
- 9. TVCA believe that a mayoral development corporation for Middlesbrough would be able to "co-ordinate land, planning and investments will enable an approach to development that would not otherwise be possible".
- 10. In terms of governance, the corporation would be led by a board appointed by the Tees Valley Mayor, with the agreement of the Combined Authority Cabinet. It would be made up of local leaders from the public and private sectors to ensure that local views are central to decision making.

## Middlesbrough Town Centre

- 11. Middlesbrough Town Centre has seen significant structural change in recent years and Covid has accelerated some significant global trends that have impacted heavily on the retail offer. The amount of vacant retail space is increasing, and is currently C. 25%.
- 12. The actions being undertaken by the Council as set out in the previous reports to Executive such as the Future High Street Programme and Town's Fund Programme will make a significant difference to the future of the town centre. The conversion of retail space to leisure and other uses, and the development of new living opportunities in the centre would significantly improve its sustainability and economic future. There is however a limit to how much the Council can achieve within the context of multiple private sector ownerships, rising costs, potential economic downturns and the tightening of national and local government budgets.
- 13. Middlehaven represents a similar scenario. The Council has clear plans, is making progress, but is limited in its ability to deliver the major steps forward that would quickly transform the area.
- 14. Although the plans and funding are in place across these two areas, and TVCA are bought into the overall strategic direction being followed, there is an obvious attraction in engaging further with mechanisms or partners who could bring greater influence, greater resources and greater ability to act. The Council its current partners are capable of transforming the town centre and Middlehaven, but perhaps not at the pace or scale that current economic challenges require.

## **Proposed Area**

15. The proposed mayoral development corporation would cover an area that incorporates most of what would be considered as the town centre, and Middlehaven areas, and is shown below.



16. The boundary covers the town centre, Middlehaven and Zetland Historic Quarter, with the intention of tying them together more closely, including crucial assets such as the Boho Zone, Middlesbrough Station, the Northern School of Art, Centre Square and Teesside University.

#### Consultation

- 17. The consultation that is open until 4<sup>th</sup> August is centred on four key questions:
  - a. Do you think the Mayoral Development Corporation will support the economic regeneration of Middlesbrough Town Centre?
  - b. Do you think the boundary is appropriate?
  - c. Do you think the proposed powers are the right ones to deliver our ambitions for the site?
  - d. Do you have any comments on the proposals to include planning powers?
- 18. Having considered all of the above, the Council's proposed response is as follows:

# 19. Do you think the Mayoral Development Corporation will support the economic regeneration of Middlesbrough Town Centre?

- 20. Yes, for the following reasons:
- 21. The economy of Middlesbrough is evolving in line with national and global trends around retail, travel and leisure. The Covid pandemic has accelerated existing trends and created new challenges that mean the existing plans for Middlesbrough Town Centre are no longer sufficient to guarantee a sustainable, functioning economic area. The extent of the change needed, and the scale of investment required are potentially beyond the reach of Middlesbrough Council, and its existing range of partners.
- 22. The development of a mayoral development corporation should offer the opportunity to increase the public sector's ability to intervene in the economy of the town centre and engage more effectively with the resources of the private sector.
- 23. A mayoral development corporation should be able to utilise powers not currently available to the council, providing it with a greater opportunity to regenerate the town centre, and force the issues that would otherwise delay or obstruct the council's ability to act. When fundamental change is required to ensure the town evolves in line with national and global trends, this ability to act could be hugely beneficial.
- 24. The funding available to Middlesbrough Council in recent years has been significant, but not significant enough to tackle the major physical change required to truly transform the town. A mayoral development corporation may open the door to greater investment from TVCA and from Government. Given the potential links between the current Government's agenda, and the leadership of TVCA and the proposed mayoral development corporation, there is significant potential to ensure Middlesbrough is at the front of the queue for new initiatives, policy changes and funding rounds. If this is exploited, there would be a significant benefit to the town. The increased opportunity to influence government policy thinking should also be exploited.
- 25. Overall, a mayoral development corporation should be able to accelerate the regeneration of the town centre, and provide greater influence, resources and strategic direction to the planned transformation, than would otherwise be achieved without it.

## 26. Do you think the boundary is appropriate?

- 27. Yes, for the following reasons:
- 28. The current proposed boundary takes in the majority of the areas where change is required in the centre of Middlesbrough. The key buildings that need transforming, and the public areas that needs uplifting are all currently included. There are a number of institutions and organisations that currently sit outside of the boundary, and the Council would not be averse to further extension of the boundary on the basis of including, rather than excluding those partners that would strengthen the overall business case.
- 29. Although the need for a boundary is understood, and the extent of the current boundary is agreeable, there needs to be some consideration given to its application if it results in situations where division causes issues sitting outside of the line (grants programmes for example).

# 30. Do you think the proposed powers are the right ones to deliver our ambitions for the site?

- 31. In broad terms, yes, but without having the details around the package of powers to be requested from Government then it is difficult to be too definitive. The mayoral development corporation has the opportunity to request and use powers that are either not available to local authorities, or are difficult for local authorities to implement, and these should be utilised fully.
- 32. We would expect to see those powers concerned with infrastructure, regeneration and acquisition used to the full to progress the strategic transformation required. The use of further powers around planning and business rates would obviously have some implications for the council, and as such we would welcome engagement over how they are shaped. We would clearly want to understand our own complementary role at an early stage, and ensure that there is no detrimental financial impact upon the council.

## 33. Do you have any comments on the proposals to include planning powers?

34. As above we would be supportive of the proposals if it can be demonstrated that they are required to deliver the regeneration agenda. The use of planning powers would obviously have some implications for the council, and as such we would welcome engagement over how they are shaped. We would clearly want to understand our own complementary role at an early stage, and ensure that there is no detrimental financial impact upon the council.

#### **Timescales**

- 35. Alongside the consultation process, TVCA will be formally considering decisions to write to the Secretary of State to formally designate the mayoral development corporation. If this is submitted in July/August, specific legislation will then need to be passed in Parliament, which could happen as early as October. A Master Plan would also be prepared for the Development Corporation and will be launched once it is fully established as a legal entity.
- 36. A period of negotiation around the relationship between Middlesbrough Council and the mayoral development corporation would take place during this time, and ensure that any decisions required by the Council or its Executive are scheduled accordingly.

## What decision(s) are being recommended?

That the Executive:

Endorses the proposed consultation response for submission by August 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

37. The consultation offers the Council the opportunity to register its broad support, but also to flag up the areas where there is felt to be significant further work to be done to fully understand the future relationship with the corporation, and how it will operate.

## Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended

- 38. If the Council was not broadly supportive of the establishment of such a corporation, the responses would be significantly different. It would also be necessary to engage with TVCA to challenge the principles being set out.
- 39. A decision to oppose a corporation would need to consider the ability of the Council and its existing partners to deliver the regeneration of the town centre and Middlehaven, and whether it could achieve as much, as quickly. Although a significant amount could still be achieved, there is no evidence to suggest that this would exceed what could be achieved with a mayoral development corporation in place.

## Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

## Legal

- 40. The establishment of a mayoral development corporation could impact significantly upon the Council's legal remit especially in relation to planning powers. The extent to which this would happen, and the extent of the powers that would be sought by the corporation are not yet know. It is therefore vital that the Council remains in constant contact with TVCA to understand, influence and negotiate how the benefits for the town can best be achieved without detrimental impacts on the organisation.
- 41. At this stage, there are no legal implications to submitting the consultation response.

## Strategic priorities and risks

- 42. The remit of the proposed mayoral development corporation will encompass many of the priorities set out in the Strategic Plan. Key priorities affected would include:
  - a. Develop an Urban Farm
  - b. Installation of 15 new EV charging points across town
  - c. Establish the requirement for potential CPO of derelict buildings and problem sites
  - d. Consider potential for BOHO digital expansion
  - e. St Hilda's housing starts around Old Town Hall
  - f. Protect and celebrate heritage through marketing and comms strategies and complete planned works on Capt Cook pub and Old Town Hall
  - g. Open three entertainment facilities within Captain Cook Square
  - h. Commercial and residential development of west and south side Middlehaven sites
  - i. Action plan agreed and commenced for House of Fraser building
  - j. Action plan agreed and commenced for Centre North East
  - k. Action plan agreed and commenced for the Crown Pub building
  - I. Action plan agreed and commenced for Gurney House
- 43. The purpose of the corporation would be to accelerate the delivery of these priorities, but until the full details of the corporation's workplan are known, it is impossible to determine the exact impact on the strategic plan.

## Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection

44. As any mayoral development corporation would be classed as a public body, the same legal protections would apply to it that currently apply to Middlesbrough Council. No issues have yet been identified, but these would be considered in the future, once the potential impacts on the Council's role are clear.

#### **Financial**

- 45. The establishment of a mayoral development corporation could have significant implications for Middlesbrough Council, including the transfer of assets (and their accompanying incomes and liabilities) and the use of income generating powers currently held by the Council (including Planning Fees).
- 46. These implications are well recognised, and have been referenced specifically in the consultation response, stating that there must be no detrimental impact upon the Council's financial position.
- 47. This represents perhaps the greatest area that requires further detail and negotiation before the full benefits and implications of a mayoral development corporation can be defined. This has been communicated clearly to TVCA outside of the formal consultation process.
- 48. At this stage, there are no financial implications to submitting the consultation response.

## Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
Submission of consultation response	Director of Regeneration	August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2022

## **Appendices**

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## **Background papers**

Body	Report title	Date

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