

# Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee 21 November 2024

## Decisions

### 5. Combined Authority Update Report

The Leader of the Council agreed the following:

- To note the update on the Board and issues considered at the meeting of the Combined Authority Board AGM and Board meeting held on 16 October and 13 November 2024.

### 6. Annual Complaints Self-Assessment

The Leader of the Council agreed the following:

- Approve the self-assessment for publication

### 7. Treasury Management Mid-Year Review Report 2024/25

The Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources agreed the following:

- Recommend to Council the council's estimated Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2024/25 to 2027/28 (Appendix A).
- Note that no changes have been made to the counterparty list (Appendix B).

### 8. Civic Quarter Project Update

The Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources agreed the following:

- Recommends that Full Council notes the indicative capital cost budget of £55m as set out in 8.3 and approves an allocation of

£3m from the existing Civic Quarter reserve for stage 3 design costs and associated on-costs.

And subject to Full Council agreement approves the recommendations below outlined in the report that includes, Concept Design Report, Public Engagement Report and the Commercial Report for the Civic Quarter including to:

- Note the outcomes from the first Public Consultation that took place to shape the outcomes of the Concept Designs and in response adds to the Market Square Design Principles that alongside other objectives which should bring a beneficial impact on the market itself, the project should support a substantial reduction of anti-social behaviour in the square and the achievement of an attractive public space outside of market hours.
- Approve to proceed to the next stage of design with a planning submission in late summer 2025 for the Guildhall, Corn Exchange, Market Square and the associated public realm, carrying out a second public consultation in Spring 2025
- Grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to carry out a procurement process for the appointment of a contractor by Spring 2025
- Approve the Civic Quarter Project team to work closely with the Corporate team, Market Operations team, Cultural Services team and Market traders to develop a business plan by Spring 2025 which includes:
  1. Completion of the Terms and Conditions and the balance of trade work on the Market ahead of the proposed second public consultation for the Civic Quarter in Spring 2025
  2. An assessment of the revenue impact of decanting the Guildhall, Market and Corn Exchange
  3. A business plan for the operation of the future Guildhall, Market and Corn Exchange
- Note the review by the Property Team of property assets including Mandela House to generate a capital receipt to contribute towards the Civic Quarter project.