

Report to Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board

Oldham Town Centre Development Framework

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Reason for Decision

The item is for information only.

Executive Summary

As part of the Council's Creating a Better Place programme to transform Oldham Town Centre, including the delivery of 2,000 new homes, Cabinet approved the appointment of Muse Place Ltd as our long-term Strategic Delivery Partner in June 2023, following an extensive OJEU compliant competitive procurement exercise.

Since this time, a Master Development Agreement (MDA) between the Council and Muse has been entered into in September 2023 and a Detailed Business Plan for the partnership was approved by the Council in March 2024.

A key element of the Detailed Business Plan covers how the core Town Centre housing sites, including the Civic Centre, Former Leisure Centre and Former Magistrates Court will be taken forward. The first stage of this is the production of a draft Town Centre Development Framework, which will help to guide future planning and development

proposals in the Town Centre. A draft Town Centre Development Framework was consulted upon from 24th July until 11th September (seven weeks in total).

The draft Development Framework itself and the full range of consultation material can be viewed at https://oldhamtownliving.co.uk.

The following presentation therefore outlines some further detail of the Development Framework Community Conversation that took place over the seven-week period and provides a summary of the feedback received on the proposals through the public consultation.

Recommendations

That the consultation proposals for the Town Centre Development Framework and the feedback received from the consultation be noted.