



Oldham Mayoral Development Corporation

Management Board Briefing

4 March 2026

What is a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC)?

What: A statutory regeneration body designated by the Mayor (with local consent) to accelerate delivery across a defined Mayoral Development Area.

Why: Used where delivery is slowed by fragmented land ownership, complex infrastructure and multi-partner governance.

In Oldham: Council remains Local Planning Authority; the MDC focuses on land assembly, investment, infrastructure coordination and delivery pace.

Why consult on an Oldham MDC now?

Drive even further progress: Oldham has secured £100m+ public investment across SportsTown, the Town Centre programme, and Northern Roots.

Remove blockers: land assembly complexity; funding gaps/viability; infrastructure coordination; heritage asset costs; market confidence; fragmented programme oversight.

Make Oldham unique: An MDC is the preferred option to support Oldham as GM's first Live Well regeneration pilot and to accelerate a multi-site pipeline.

What the Oldham MDC would do

Red line boundary:

- SportsTown
- Town Centre core + Cultural & Creative Quarter
- Eastern Edge / Mumps
- Northern Roots

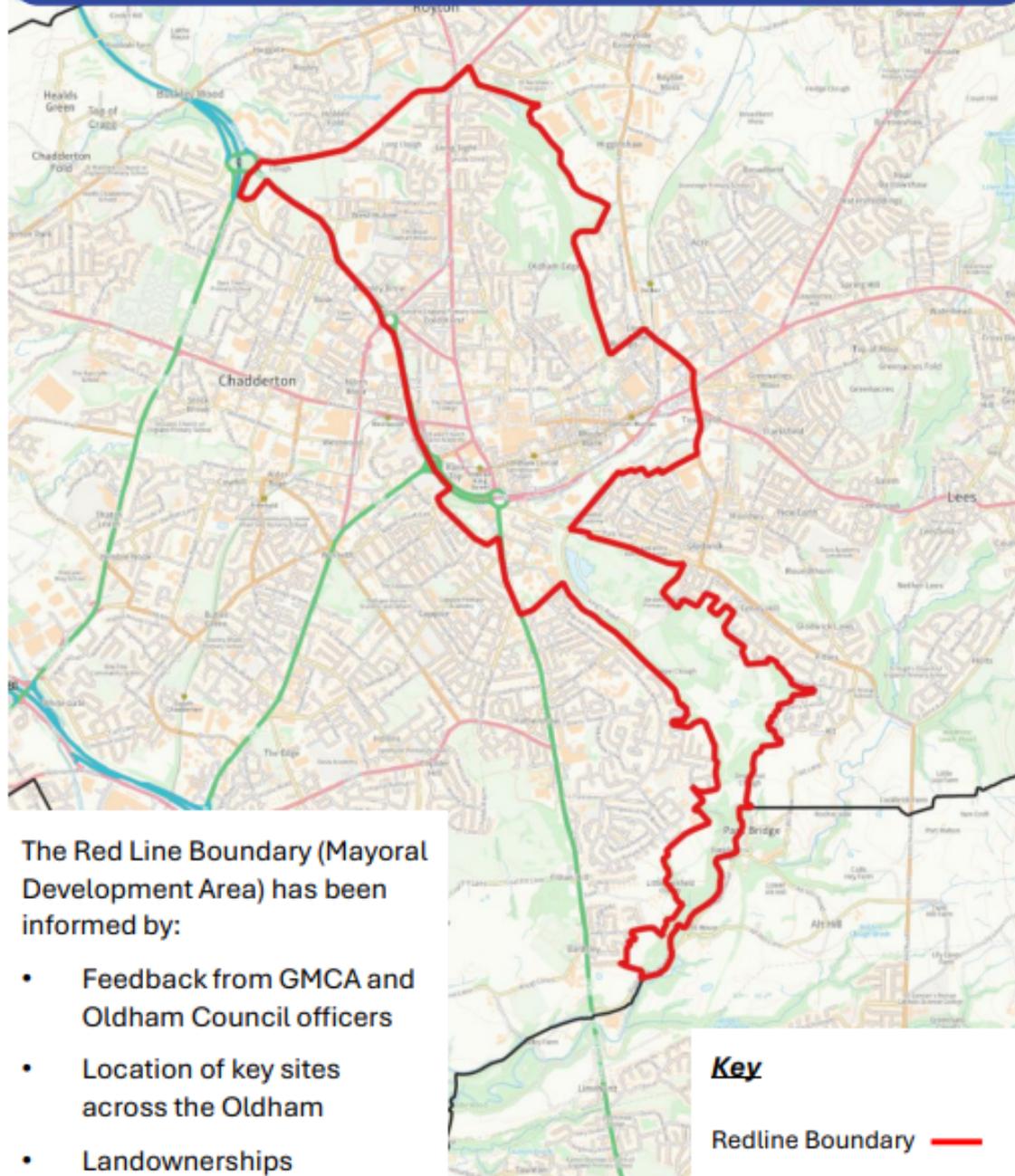
Proposed powers:

- Land assembly + CPO
- Acquire/hold/dispose land
- Hold and deploy funds
- Discretionary business rates relief
- Coordinate enabling infrastructure

Governance:

- Independent Chair + Board (incl. Council Leader & Exec Member)
- Executive Team (incl. MDC Project Director)
- Delivery Team + Shadow Board during 2026

Oldham MDC – Red Line Boundary



The Red Line Boundary (Mayoral Development Area) has been informed by:

- Feedback from GMCA and Oldham Council officers
- Location of key sites across the Oldham
- Landownerships

Decision & timetable

- **Decision now:** approve a six-week statutory consultation (does not establish the MDC).
- **Mar 2026:** Cabinet/GMCA approve consultation
- **20 May 2026:** 6-week Consultation period
- **Summer 2026:** Cabinet/GMCA consider outcomes and decide whether to proceed
- **Autumn 2026:** Submission to Secretary of State
- **Early 2027:** MDC operational (if approved)
- **Indicative revenue (Years 1–3): £1.98m (~£660k p.a.)**