



MIDDLESBROUGH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 5 September 2025 at 2.00pm

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.

ATTENDEES	
<u>Members</u>	
Tony Parkinson (Chair)	Independent Member (Chair)
Mayor Chris Cooke	Middlesbrough Mayor (Elected Member of Middlesbrough Council)
Martin Raby	Independent Member
Imran Anwar	Independent Member
Tony Grainge	Independent Member
Father Glyn Holland	Independent Member
Matt Storey	Independent Member
<u>Associate Members</u>	
Tom Bryant	Associate Member
Erik Scollay	Associate Member
<u>Officers</u>	
Beverley Bearne	MDC Chief Operating Officer
Jodie Townsend	Interim Group Chief Legal Officer/Monitoring Officer
Shaun Natrass	Group Legal Manager
Jo Moore	Interim Group Director of Finance & Resources
Julie Hurley	Head of Planning
Eleanor Thomas	Governance Officer, TVCA
Justine Matchett	Lichfields
Neil Westwick	Lichfields
<u>Apologies</u>	
Victoria Fuller	Independent Advisor

MDC 01/25	<p>Chair's opening remarks / Apologies for Absence</p> <p>The Chair, Tony Parkinson welcomed all in attendance to the Middlesbrough Development Corporation (MDC) Annual General Meeting (AGM). He introduced himself and noted that he was very excited at the opportunity of being Chair.</p> <p>A round of introductions took place.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.</p>
MDC 02/25	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
MDC 03/25	<p>Governance and Appointments</p> <p>Jodie Townsend, Interim Group Chief Legal Officer/Monitoring Officer informed the Board that the report notes the changes to the MDC Constitution, reconfirms the elected member of Middlesbrough Council as Vice Chair of the MDC Board and notes the MDC Board membership. It reconfirms the Officer Scheme of Delegation, reconfirms the planning scheme of delegated, reconfirms MDC Board is the decision maker for MDC Planning application and seeks for the Board to approve the proposed dates for the ordinary meetings of the MDC.</p> <p>It was also noted that one board member, Stephanie Spensley has resigned from the Board due to time commitment.</p> <p>The Chair informed the Board that all meetings would take place in Middlesbrough, and it was encouraged for members to give feedback on any venues they feel would be suitable to hold Board meetings.</p> <p>Questions and comments were invited from the Board; none were received.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) NOTES the changes to the MDC Constitution approved by Cabinet on 27 June 2025 as detailed in paragraphs 2.1-2.7.(2) NOTES that a full review of the MDC Constitution will be undertaken and will be aligned to the Best Value Notice Organisational Improvement Plan and be presented to a future Cabinet for approval.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (3) RECONFIRMS the Officer Scheme of Delegation as detailed in the MDC Constitution at Appendix 1. (4) NOTES its membership as set out at paragraph 2.10. (5) NOTES the appointment by the Tees Valley Mayor of an Independent Chair of MDC Board, as noted by TVCA Cabinet on 27 June 2025. (6) RECONFIRMS the elected member of Middlesbrough Borough Council (MDC) as Vice Chair of the MDC Board. (7) NOTES the membership of the MDC Audit & Governance Committee. (8) NOTES the appointment by the Tees Valley Mayor of the Chair of the MDC Audit & Governance Committee. (9) RECONFIRMS the Planning Scheme of Delegation as detailed at Appendix 2. (10) NOTES the Membership Allowance Scheme for 2025-2026 in Appendix 3. (11) RECONFIRMS the position that the MDC Board is the decision maker for MDC Planning applications. (12) APPROVE and NOTES the proposed dates for the ordinary meetings of MDC as detailed below at paragraph 6.
<p>MDC 04/25</p>	<p>Date and Time of Future Meetings:</p> <p>Thursday, 18 December 2025 Thursday, 26 March 2026 Thursday, 25 June 2026</p> <p>(All the above meetings to commence from 2.00pm.)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Board APPROVED and NOTED the above meeting dates for 2025/26.</p>