

MAYORAL DECISION NOTICE (D5)
(To record a decision taken by the GM Mayor)

1. Decision Summary: GM Mayor to approve the undertaking of a consultation exercise in respect of the designation of a Mayoral Development Corporation for the Bolton Town Centre.

Decision Maker Greater Manchester Mayor	Date of Decision 23 February 2026
Date Decision Published 23 February 2026	Date Decision will come into force 2 March 2026
Subject: Proposed Bolton Town Centre Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC)	

2. Details of the Decision:

The decision is that:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval is given to the undertaking of a consultation exercise in respect of the designation of a Mayoral Development Corporation for the Bolton Town Centre. 2. It is noted that a further report will be brought back to the GMCA and the Mayor setting out the outcome of the consultation and further investigation work.
The reasons for the decision are:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outcomes assessment by Deloitte identified an MDC as the recommended delivery vehicle for this project.

- Consultation is the next step in the statutory process and will provide key information to enable a decision on whether or not to proceed to designate a Mayoral Development Area for Bolton Town Centre.
- If the decision to go ahead with designation is ultimately made, then consultation responses will also contribute to further decisions that need to be made about how the MDC will operate.

Alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision:

Other delivery vehicles were considered but it was not felt that they should be pursued at this time as it was not felt that they would be as effective as an MDC.

List Non-confidential reports

Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public

Report to the Greater Manchester Mayor dated 23rd February 2026 entitled Proposed Bolton Town Centre Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC)

List Confidential reports

Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information

N/A

3. Conflict of Interest:

Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Member who is consulted by the member or officer which related to the decision:

N/A

Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any conflict of interest declared:

N/A

4. Signature of Decision Maker/s:

Signed: 

Date: 23.02.26

NOTE: Decisions made by the Mayor will also be reported to the GMCA at its next meeting (except where the decision concerned was taken openly by the Mayor while sitting within a formal meeting of the GMCA).