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### **Piccadilly Partnership and Cityco to join forces**

Piccadilly Partnership is to join forces with Cityco, the city centre's management company. The two organisations will consolidate their resources and deliver shared objectives that will further improve the Piccadilly area of the city centre.

Richard Lewis, incoming Chairman of Piccadilly Partnership and Group Property Director for Town Centre Securities said: "In many ways it's just business as usual, but we also see this as the opportunity to take the partnership to the next stage in what will be continuing challenging times. Although we will retain our own identity with our own Chair and Board, we'll be able to tap into the resources that Cityco can offer and avoid any duplication. Piccadilly Partnership has achieved a great deal in the last three years. Together, we have prepared the ground for around £1.2 billion of new investment in the area's transport facilities, public realm, buildings and land use. We are now ready to take the partnership to the next level and further increase the value to our members."

"Current Chief Executive Janet Dunnett will be leaving Piccadilly Partnership in April and we thank her for 2 years of hard work. Janet has made a significant contribution in a very short space of time, and has done a tremendous amount to promote Piccadilly widely throughout the region as a destination for both businesses and consumers. We wish her well for the future." He added.



Rowena Burns, Chair of Cityco, Manchester's city centre management company, added: "The major changes that have taken place in Piccadilly over the last few years would not have been possible without the public and private sectors working together in such an innovative and forward-thinking way. The partnership will continue to champion the area and set a clear strategic direction in order to enable project delivery. Cityco's role will be to support the organisation, enabling it to build on its successes and help it achieve even greater goals in the future."

Piccadilly Partnership is drafting a priorities plan which will be unveiled in the spring. This will have a strong focus on public realm, cleansing, maintenance, policing and safety and events.

For more information on Cityco visit [www.cityco.com](http://www.cityco.com) or Piccadilly Partnership visit [www.piccadillymanchester.com](http://www.piccadillymanchester.com).

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## **Notes to editors**

**Cityco** is Manchester's city centre management company. It is an independent not-for-profit company working in partnership to promote and enhance Manchester city centre. Cityco's central aim is to improve and promote the city centre, to create the conditions for businesses to prosper and to develop the city centre's role as the hub of a world-class region. The company plays a coordination role in; strategic initiatives to benefit the economy; promoting the city as a primary retail and commercial location; and to facilitate quality management of the external environment.

**Piccadilly Partnership** is a strategic and pioneering alliance of public and private sectors, bringing together key landowners, Manchester City Council, Cityco, GMPTE, Marketing Manchester, other public sector services and local occupiers. It provides an important forum for consultation, discussion and debate on all issues influencing the Piccadilly area. It was established in 2006.