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## News Release

### THE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LAUNCHES IN BRISTOL CORPORATE BANKING CENTRE

The Co-operative Bank has completed the staff appointments at its Corporate Banking Centre in Bristol as part of an £18m nationwide expansion programme which will see the number of the Bank's Corporate Banking Centres double over the next two years.

Recent recruits Paul Brown and Chris Mapp are no strangers to each other having worked together at Barclays Bank for eight years and have moved across to The Co-operative Bank as a team.

The team including existing corporate advisors Nicola Johnstone and Hayley Morris have a combined 40 years commercial banking experience between them and a wealth of contacts in both the local professional and business communities.

Senior Corporate Manager Paul Brown said: "Chris and I have worked together in previous roles and already have a strong working relationship which has enabled us to hit the ground running at the new centre. When the chance came to join a Corporate Banking Centre for such a well respected brand as The Co-operative Bank, it was too good an opportunity to miss."

Senior Business Development Manager, Chris Mapp continued: "The Co-operative Bank is an extremely strong, trusted brand. The investment made in this new Corporate Banking Centre demonstrates the Bank's confidence in the South West region and in particular Bristol. The new centre sends out a clear message to customers and potential new customers about our commitment at a time of uncertainty in the wider market place."

Based at Vertigo, Cheese Lane, the new Bristol centre will provide tailored funding solutions for SMEs across all business sectors. The team will support both existing and new corporate customers seeking finance for acquisition, business asset purchase or re-finance and working capital.

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**Photo caption:**

The Co-operative Bank's Bristol Corporate Banking Centre team

Top: Senior Business Development Manager, Chris Mapp

Bottom: Senior Corporate Manager Paul Brown

Left: Senior Corporate Adviser, Nicola Johnstone

Right: Corporate Adviser, Hayley Morris

**Notes to editors:**

- ISDN facilities are available for broadcast media interviews.

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