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News Release

WARRINGTON LAD HEADS UP THE CO-OPERATIVE BANK'S SOUTH MANCHESTER CORPORATE BANKING CENTRE

Warrington businessman, Ian Heesom is heading up The Co-operative Bank's new South Manchester Corporate Banking Centre.

Born and bred in Thelwall, Ian was at Lymm High School and now lives in Stockton Heath with his wife and two daughters, who are eight and 17 years old.

Ian embarked on a career in banking at 17 years old when he joined Yorkshire Bank at the Warrington branch before moving into corporate banking.

Now with 22 years corporate banking experience, Ian has left Yorkshire Bank to join The Co-operative Bank's new South Manchester Corporate Banking Centre as Senior Business Development Manager.

The new centre is 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.

Ian, Mike Chatten, Gareth Daniel and Phil Legg will make up the new team. They have a combined 60 years commercial banking experience between them and a wealth of contacts in both the local professional and business communities.

Ian said: "I've lived and worked in Warrington all my life and over the years I've established strong relationships with the town's business community. The Co-operative Bank has always had a strong presence in Warrington through its branch on Bridge Street and it is widely recognised as a well established, trusted brand.

“This investment demonstrates the Bank’s continued confidence in the region and sends out a clear message to customers and potential new customers about our commitment at a time of uncertainty in the wider market place.”

Senior Corporate Manager Mike Chatten said: “Ian, Gareth and I all used to work together at Yorkshire Bank and already have a good working relationship which has enabled us to hit the ground running here.”

Based at Station House on Stamford New Road in Altrincham, the new 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: (LtoR) Mike Chatten, Senior Corporate Manager; Phil Legg, Business Transformation Project Co-ordinator; Ian Heesom Senior Business Development Manager and Gareth Daniel, Corporate Manager

Notes to editors:

- ISDN facilities are available for broadcast media interviews.

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