

LEP - Enterprise Zone Governance Committee

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th November, 2018 at
2.00 pm at the Albion Suite - County Hall - The Exchange**

Present

David Taylor (Chairman)

Edwin Booth

County Councillor Michael Green

Mark Rawstron

Councillor Simon Blackburn

Observer

Paul Evans, Assistant Director, Area Lead at BEIS, Cities and Local Growth Unit

In Attendance

Nick Gerrard, Programme Director and Chief Planning Officer, Blackpool Council

Rob Green, Head of Enterprise Zones, Blackpool Council

Andy Milroy, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council

Kathryn Molloy, Head of LEP Coordination, Lancashire County Council

David Thow, Head of Planning Services, Wyre Council

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman, David Taylor, welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were presented from Professor Mark Smith and County Councillor Geoff Driver, with County Councillor Michael Green nominated as his replacement representative. Councillor Simon Blackburn also advised the Committee he would have to leave part way through the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2018

Resolved: The minutes of the Enterprise Zone Governance Committee meeting held on 9th July 2018 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Officers in attendance requested an update on the re-focusing of the Terms of Reference item presented to the last meeting with a view to shaping an agreed work programme. It was noted that the Senior Democratic Services Officer would raise this outstanding action with the Head of LEP Coordination.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Enterprise Zone Governance Committee was scheduled to be held on Thursday 21st March 2019 at 10am in Committee Room 'B' – The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston.

7. Exclusion of the Press and Public

At this point the Enterprise Zone Governance Committee approved that the meeting move into Part II, Private and Confidential, to consider the remaining reports as they contained information defined as confidential or exempt in accordance with the relevant paragraph of Part I to schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as set out in the report. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

8. Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone - Progress report

David Thow, Head of Planning Services, Wyre Council, presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on progress with the Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone.

It was reported that a Public and Statutory Consultation had been completed on 1st November 2018 with all responses received having been fully reviewed and considered resulting in some proposed modifications to the masterplan.

In terms of marketing, a Marketing Strategy for Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone will be prepared to complement the Delivery (Implementation) Plan and Masterplan.

Forthcoming activity, including producing a draft Delivery Plan by January 2019 was reported and noted by the Committee.

Resolved: The Enterprise Zone Governance Committee

- (i) Noted the contents of the report and activity in relation to the Masterplan, Marketing and the Implementation / Delivery Plan; and
- (ii) Endorsed the programme of forthcoming activity as set out in the report.

9. Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone: Progress report

Rob Green, Head of Enterprise Zones and Nick Gerrard, Programme Director and Chief Planning Officer both Blackpool Council presented a private and confidential report (circulated) regarding Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone and progress made since the last Committee meeting.

It was highlighted that the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone Masterplan had now been submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government with feedback due imminently. An update was provided on the Delivery (Implementation) Plan for the Zone including core outputs and funding.

In addition updates were provided on marketing activity and forthcoming activity including Phase One Development and the newly reconstituted Enterprise Zone Project Team.

Resolved: The Enterprise Zone Governance Committee

- (i) Noted the progress report as set out; and
- (ii) Noted and endorsed the updated Masterplan for the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone as presented.

Councillor Simon Blackburn left the meeting at this point.

10. Samlesbury Aerospace and Warton Aviation Enterprise Zones Update

Kathryn Molloy, Head of LEP Coordination, Lancashire County Council presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided the Committee with updates on the Samlesbury Aerospace and Warton Aviation Enterprise Zones.

With regard to Samlesbury Enterprise Zone it was highlighted that it had recently seen significant investment to develop the site as a world-class advanced manufacturing location which has included infrastructure works. It was noted that the site was now home to the Academy for Skills and Knowledge and that an Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre planned for the Zone was progressing.

With regard to Warton Aviation Enterprise Zone it was highlighted that a masterplan and ten year Local Development Order were now in place for the site.

Resolved: The Enterprise Zone Governance Committee noted and endorsed the updates provided on Samlesbury Aerospace and Warton Aviation Enterprise Zones.

11. Reporting to Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board

The Committee requested that the Head of LEP Coordination provide an Enterprise Zone's update report to the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board, to particularly update on the Zone's infrastructure.