**Appendix 'D'**

**Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone – Lead Rob Green**

**Background**

In April 2016 the Government awarded Enterprise Zone status to Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone.Hillhouse EZ has benefited from private sector investment including a gas fired generator station Burn Naze IE, 30,000 sq ft extension at Addisons Projects, Victrex’s 20,000 sq ft R&D plant and completion of AGC CE’s thermal oxidiser. Victrex received circa £1.4m Regional Growth Fund toward the R&D pilot plant which is the only significant public sector investment to date.

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| **Key Performance Indicators** | **Targets to 2026** | **Actuals to Qtr 4 19/20** | **RAG** |
| Floorspace delivered | 13,000 sqm | c.4,600 |  |
| Retained Business Rates | £4.3m | - |  |
| Jobs | 137 | 58 |  |
| Land Sales | £1.5m | - |  |

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| **Milestones** | **Dates** |
| Vinnolit exit from site complete – demolition and site clearance to commence | Oct 2020 |
| Forsa Energy completion of build |  |
| Appointment of joint international marketing agent LAMEC brand | Jan 2021 |
| Fiscal benefit extension proposal to HM Treasury | Sept 2020 |
| Revised Delivery Plan | Sept 2020 |
| 60,000 sq ft speculative development of small multi-use units planning submitted | Q3 2020 |
| LFFN (Local Full Fibre Network roll out) to site boundary | complete |
| Subsequent roll out of fibre ducting on site | Dec 2021 |
| Water main upgrade | Dec 2021 |

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| **Risk and Issues** | **Mitigation & Actions** |
| Delays to construction of the Forsa Energy site due to Covid-19 restrictions | Quick liaison with landowners ensured work has now recommenced according to safety guidelines. |
| Lack of market demand due to Covid-19/Brexit uncertainty and the commercial viability of development with existing scheme such as Energy from waste/Biomass plant which are in development being cancelled or postponed long term. | Allocated government Getting Building funding to help kick start essential infrastructure to better market the site to potential occupiers and stimulate private investment |
| Continuing delays in securing planning and highway approvals and potential land contamination issues that need to be overcome. | Close liaison with NPL, Wyre (accountable body) and LCC |
| Requirement for flood mitigation measures and utility upgrades across the site and issues surrounding the ability construct western access road over Fleetwood-Poulton railway line. | Close liaison with NPL, Wyre (accountable body) and LCC |
| Failure to secure purchase or rights over the Fleetwood rail line will impact upon ability to construct Northern Access road. | Close liaison with NPL, Wyre (accountable body) and LCC |