**LEP – Samlesbury Aerospace EZ – Lead Programme Manager - Chris Dyson**

**Background**

In April 2012, the Government awarded Enterprise Zone status to the Lancashire Enterprise Zone Samlesbury Aerospace (SAEZ) and Warton Aerospace Enterprise Zone Sites.The SAEZ has benefitted from circa £54.994m public and private sector investment to date: including £12.994m infrastructure works invested as part of an overall infrastructure investment package of £28.8m (public highway, drainage, access, AMRC plot works) and £42m by BAE developing three facilities, Academy for Skills & Knowledge and Wincanton Defence & Logistics Centre and the Asset Management Facility.The County Council has facilitated the delivery of the North West Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) by the University of Sheffield, which has received £20m Growth Deal funds to deliver circa 4,500sqm of research and development floor-space.

**Performance**

The County Council has completed the plot works and access road works, and legal agreements are in place that have allowed AMRC site access for their construction, which is now underway by Robertson (Main Contractor). In April 2019 BAE commenced development of a circa £12m, 15,794sqm Asset Management Facility (AMF) which is due for completion by late November2020.Drainage & Earthworks Strategy (to inform site construction works later in the autumn/winter), and a Commercial Development Framework are both progressing well and will support future development and marketing. This will also assist in KPI management going forward.

Three claims have been made to date to draw down Growth Deal funding to the value of £1.42m as part of the £6.725m on target to spend to deliver site wide infrastructure provision. Orders have been placed for site-wide utilities, and progress is being maintained on delivering the power supply, the major barrier to development, with site ducting nearing completion, after which off-site ducting will commence. The main gas main pipe installation will be completed in November to service the entire site. Final telecoms routing will commence in November. The county council has entered into a Collaboration Agreement with Electricity North West (ENWL) in respect of the provision of electricity to the site and ENWL has conducted route proving, off and on site surveys for the new primary substation, planning approvals are in place and a comprehensive programme of works will be commence in late 2020.

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| **KPI Performance** | **Targets**  (to 2029/30) | **Actuals**  (Qtr.1 20/21) | **RAG** |
| New commercial floor space | 125,352 sqm | 22,400 sqm |  |
| New jobs created | 2,528 | 200\* |  |
| Utility construction project complete | 5 | 0 |  |
| Public Sector Investment (site-wide infrastructure) | £28.8m | £12.994m\*\* |  |
| Private Sector Investment -BAE £42m & Utility £7m | £49m | £42m |  |

\* Additional to Growth Deal target

\*\* Includes Prudential borrowing for initial costs of new road and infrastructure

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| **Milestone** | **Dates** |
| Primary sub-station design | May 20 |
| Primary sub-station planning approval | Jul 20 |
| Gas main construction commenced | Aug 20 |
| Commercial Development Framework commissioned | Aug 20 |
| Drainage & Earthworks Strategy commissioned | Aug 20 |
| LCC AMRC Landlord Works complete | Sep 20 |
| Utilities orders placed | Sep 20 |
| AMRC Construction (Robertson) | Oct 20 |
| Updated Marketing Strategy & progression of enquiries | Dec 20 |
| AMF Completion | Nov 20 |
| Earthworks & Drainage site works complete  (Due to the impacts of Covid-19, subsequent delays & compounded impact of working through winter, this is likely to slip to Q1 2021/22) | Feb 21 |
| Plots full serviced (excluding power) (As above) | Feb 21 |
| Primary sub-station connection | Sep 22 |
| Site wide utility infrastructure operational | Sep 22 |
| Delivery of enquiries (conducted in parallel to infrastructure delivery) | Feb 21+ |

**Risks**

A new Single Portfolio Risk Register for the combined programmes has been created, which can be found at Appendix M to the main report.