

LEP – Warton Aviation EZ – Lead Chris Dyson

Background

In April 2012 the Government awarded Enterprise Zone status to the Lancashire Enterprise Zone which included the Samlesbury Aerospace and Warton Aviation Enterprise Zone Sites (WAEZ).

The WAEZ has a masterplan and a ten-year Local Development Order in place for the site. Two companies, Accenture and Trescal, have been in occupation at the site since 2015.

Senior officers from the county council and BAE are continuing to discuss opportunities at WAEZ to build and complement the current high value activity at SAEZ.

In April 2020 as part of an emergency response to coronavirus pandemic, the county council in partnership with BAE constructed a temporary Central Resilience Facility to aid with managing any potential excess deaths due to the virus.

The facility was built in an eight-day period and is ready to be operational only when Funeral Directories and Mortuary managers are unable to manage with capacity at their facility. The facility was mothballed in May 2020 as the death rates have decreased from earlier projections, however the facility can be reinstated with trained staff and call handlers to manage the service if required.

BAE Systems have provided strong and much appreciated support for the facility utilising an existing Hangar, staff resources and advisory support throughout the duration of the build.

KPI Performance

Description	Targets	Actuals (to Qtr 2 20/21)	RAG
Commercial Floorspace Created (sqm)	N/A	Sqm TBC	N/A
Jobs created	N/A	7	N/A

Milestones

Milestones will be determined following further discussions between the county council and BAE Systems in early 2021. The outcome of these discussions will enable a re-focussing on how the broader ambitions of the Enterprise Zone are best delivered.

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.