



Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Limited

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LEP Governance and Committees Report

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Executive Summary

This report extracts the key items considered by each of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board (LEP) Committees at their recent meetings and, where applicable, and if not considered elsewhere on the Board's main agenda, contains decisions referred to the Board by its Committees for approval. The report also contains Governance updates and any Governance decisions required by the Board.

Recommendation

The Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board is asked to note the updates provided in this report in relation to Governance, urgent decisions taken since the last LEP Board meeting and the Committees of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership as set out.

Background and Advice

This is a standing report which provides an update on governance issues and meetings of committees of the LEP since the last inquorate Board meeting on 22 March 2022 in accordance with the LEP Assurance Framework, publicly available on the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership website:

<https://lancashirelep.co.uk/about/policies/>

Current LEP Committee Vacancies / Appointments

Vacancies

Khalid Saifullah has resigned from the LEP Board with effect from 30th August 2022.

Councillor Stephen Atkinson has resigned from the LEP Board with effect from 8th July 2022, the Lancashire District Leaders Group have been asked to nominate a replacement representative in accordance with the LEP Assurance Framework.

There are currently 2 vacancies on the LEP Enterprise Zone Governance Committee.



Councillor Zainab Rawat has resigned from LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee. Blackburn with Darwen Council have been asked to appoint a replacement representative in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Updates from recent LEP Committee Meetings / Decisions taken by the Urgent Business Procedure of the LEP

1. Urgent Business Procedure Decisions

There have been no decisions made via the Urgent Business Procedure since the last meeting.

2. City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board

There have been no meetings of the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board since the last update.

Full agendas and minutes for the Combined City Deal meetings can be accessed here: <http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=1072>

3. Growth Deal Management Board

There have been no meetings of the Growth Deal Management Board since the last update.

Full agendas and minutes for Growth Deal Management Board meetings can be accessed here:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=1218>

4. Enterprise Zone Governance Committee

The Enterprise Zone Governance Committee met on 31 August 2022 and considered / approved the following:

Blackpool Enterprise Zone Progress Report – The report included updates on activity since the last meeting, including achievements to date, KPIs and milestones, risks and actions, an update on the masterplan and delivery plan, project management, fiscal incentives, current activity, the Town Deal, Squires Gate Industrial Estate, planning applications, communications infrastructure, marketing, Blackpool Airport and the risk register.

It was highlighted that since the report had been circulated there had been a delay on the outline planning application for the new Highways, which would now be presented to the Blackpool planning committee in October, rather than September.

It was noted that the Marketing Manager from the project team had moved roles, and recruitment was underway.



Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone Progress Report – The report included updates on activity since the last meeting, including achievements to date, KPIs and milestones, risks and actions, an update on the delivery plan, the Getting Building Fund, residential development, the Fleetwood/Poulton Rail Line, marketing, the Hydrogen Steering Group, the Vinnolit site, new onsite companies and job creation.

It was highlighted that there may be a slight delay in completing the new Gate House under the Getting Building Fund, and the expected November date may slip.

Feedback from the Department for Transport was still awaited for the Fleetwood-Poulton railway line; progress was being chased. It was noted that Wyre Borough Council (the accountable body) had created a fund of around £150,000 to support overarching surveys of the site which would help produce a transport strategy, a flood risk strategy and an ecological strategy. This work had begun with a topographical survey of the site.

Samlesbury Aerospace & Warton Aviation Enterprise Zone Progress Report - Regarding the Samlesbury site, the report included an update on the site delivery programme for phases 2a and 2b, an update on planning, commercial marketing agents, ancillary accommodation, communications, skills and the low carbon feasibility study.

The foul water drainage was highlighted, with the advanced designed already commenced and construction works programmed to begin later in the year.

Attention was drawn to the Local Development Order on the site, which runs until 2024. It was noted that the team were preparing a replacement Local Development Order which would be in place when the 2024 Order expired. The proposed replacement would consider progress on the site to date and would look to support anticipated uses going forward together with latest priorities relating to amenity and environmental/carbon reduction aspirations.

Regarding the Warton site, the circulated written report was presented. Rick Prosser and Hannah Swindell from BAE Systems gave a presentation on potential opportunities at the Warton site. It was requested that Andy Walker lead the team on developing a list of intervention packages, which would lead to a business plan.

Full agendas and minutes for the Enterprise Zone Governance Committee meetings can be accessed here:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=1171>



5. Lancashire Skills and Employment Advisory Panel

The Lancashire Skills and Employment Advisory Panel met on 1 September 2022 and considered / approved the following:

Update from the Lancashire Skills Hub, Employment Hub and Partners –

The report provided an update from the Lancashire Skills and Employment Hub and partners structured against the strategic themes and priorities outlined in the Lancashire Skills and Employment Strategic Framework 2021 and provided an update on activity since the last committee meeting.

Lancashire Skills Bootcamps Update – 2022/23 Programme – A presentation was provided with it noted that:

- 5 providers are now beginning the journey of supporting 350 candidates towards a new future through training, employment support and a guaranteed interview.
- Cohorts are due to start in August/September, run for 12 weeks and have a range of delivery methods including remote, face to face, part time, evenings and full time. Sessions are recorded to support all participants needs.
- Representation from a wide spectrum of residents is encouraged including women, unemployed, over 50s, ex offenders and refugees.
- An update was also provided with details of the successful providers and how the funds have been allocated.

Exploring Economic Inactivity in Lancashire – A detailed presentation was given which provided a review of the data, as requested at the informal committee meeting in July, regarding the rise in Economic Inactivity in Lancashire and the impact on employment rates and the Lancashire Labour Market.

Full agendas and minutes for the Lancashire Skills and Employment Advisory Board meetings can be accessed here:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=1011>

6. Business Support Management Board

At the time of writing this report the Business Support Management Board is scheduled to meet on 8 September 2022 an update on this meeting will be reported to the next LEP Board meeting.

Full agendas and minutes for the Business Support Management Board meetings can be accessed here:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=1220>



7. Lancashire Innovation Board

At the time of writing this report the Lancashire Innovation Board is scheduled to meet on 5 September 2022 an update on this meeting will be report to the next LEP Board meeting.

Full agendas and minutes for the Lancashire Innovation Board can be accessed here: <https://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=1678>

8. Joint Scrutiny Committee

At the time of writing this report the Joint Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to meet on 13 September 2022 an update on this meeting will be report to the next LEP Board meeting.

Full agendas and minutes for the Joint Scrutiny Committee meetings can be accessed here: <https://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=1708>

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		