

Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Performance Committee Summary Update – 2nd September 2016 meeting

Lancashire Enterprise Zone Programme

Achievements in the last two months

Lancashire Advanced Engineering & Manufacturing EZ - Samlesbury Site

- Commencement of two new facilities on the Samlesbury site with both due for completion in Autumn 2016:
 - 135,000 ft² Wincanton Logistics facility – to be operational by December.
 - 60,000 ft² BAE Systems' Training Academy – to open in September.
- Main spine road connecting the A59 and A677 to be completed in September 2016.
- Work is on-going between specialist consultants and the County Council to develop detailed design and infrastructure requirements for site to enable commercial development.
- Advanced discussions with a number (five) of potential end-occupiers with a number of Non-Disclosure Agreements in place.
- Advanced discussions taking place with the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) in Sheffield to establish AMRC NW at Samlesbury. The LEP's Growth Deal 3 Submission to Government in July 2016 contained a proposal to secure £15m worth of Growth Deal funding to support the delivery of AMRC North West (total project cost £69m).
- LCC with the North West Aerospace Alliance and Colliers attended the Farnborough International Airshow in July 2016 to promote Lancashire's aerospace capabilities and commercial opportunities at Samlesbury and Warton.

Lancashire Advanced Engineering & Manufacturing Enterprise Zone - Warton Site

- No further update since the last Performance Committee meeting.

Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone

- There are 15 new jobs confirmed since commencement of EZ on 1st April 2016 and an estimated 350 jobs will be safeguarded.

Hillhouse International Enterprise Zone

- LEP's Growth Deal 3 submission contained a proposal to support A585 Junction Improvements to support accelerated delivery of Hillhouse International EZ.

Current challenges

- Delivery capacity.
- Securing end occupiers to stimulate infrastructure provision/development across the EZ sites.

- Develop and deliver a coherent approach to marketing Lancashire's EZ sites to ensure a non-competitive approach to securing inward investment opportunities/end-occupiers.

Future issues requiring a planned approach to their management

- Modelling of Business Rates Growth income across the Enterprise Zone programme.
- Establishment of individual Project Boards to ensure delivery of each EZ site.
- Consistent approach to marketing of collective EZ programme and individual sites.
- Securing end-occupiers.

Other general observations

- Freshfield working with Marketing Lancashire and the LEP has been appointed to develop a branding strategy for Lancashire's EZ programme. A stakeholder event which included representatives from the public and private sector who have an interest across the 4 EZ sites was held on 4th August 2016. The EZ Governance Committee meets on 1st September 2016 to consider taking this work forward.