

LEP - Enterprise Zone Governance Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 3rd June, 2019 at 10.00 am at the Committee Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Present

Mark Rawstron (Chairman)

County Councillor Michael Green
Professor Mark Smith

Councillor Ivan Taylor

Observer

Katherine O'Connor, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

In Attendance

Chris Dyson, Strategic Development Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council
Rob Green, Head of Enterprise Zones, Blackpool Council
Andy Milroy, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman, Mark Rawstron, welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from David Taylor, County Councillor Geoff Driver and Councillor Simon Blackburn.

It was noted that Councillor Simon Blackburn had nominated Councillor Ivan Taylor as his representative with County Councillor Geoff Driver nominating County Councillor Michael Green as his representative.

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2019

Resolved: The Enterprise Zone Governance Committee approved the minutes of the inquorate Committee meeting held on 21st March 2019 as an accurate record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

With regard to actions from the last meeting it was noted that Richard Kenny had made contact with the LEP Network about the small group being setup to discuss topics and areas of policy with a view to nominating a Lancashire LEP Enterprise Zone Committee Member to participate – Chris Dyson agreed to follow this up with Richard.

5. Reporting to Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board

None

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Enterprise Zone Governance Committee meeting was scheduled to be held at 10am on Wednesday 18 September 2019 in Committee Room 'D', County Hall, Preston.

8. Exclusion of the Press and Public

At this point the Enterprise Zone Governance Committee approved that the meeting move into Part II, Private and Confidential, to consider the remaining reports as they contained information defined as confidential or exempt in accordance with the relevant paragraph of Part I to schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as set out in the report. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

9. Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone - update report

Rob Green, Head of Enterprise Zones, Blackpool Council, presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided the committee with an update on Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone.

The update included progress with the Enterprise Zone's Masterplan, current Phase one activity, the Eastern Gateway Access Road, Common Edge Sports Village, Link Road, Initial Development, the former Wellington Bomber Factory, Communication Infrastructure, Planning Applications and Marketing.

Committee Members provided feedback on each area of activity and direction on future developments.

Resolved: The Enterprise Zone Governance Committee noted the progress report as presented.

10. Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone - update report

Rob Green, presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided the committee with an update on Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone.

The report presented a Masterplan for approval for submission to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). In addition updates were provided on Marketing, the Implementation Plan including updates on State Aid and a Workshop. In addition a Risk Register was presented for noting / endorsing along with details of forthcoming activity for the Enterprise Zone.

Resolved: The Enterprise Zone Governance Committee

- (i) Noted and approved the Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone Masterplan for submission to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG); and
- (ii) Noted the overall progress update provided for the Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone.

11. Samlesbury Aerospace and Warton Aviation Enterprise Zones - update report

Chris Dyson, Strategic Development Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council, presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided the committee with an update on Samlesbury Aerospace and Warton Aviation Enterprise Zones.

With regard to Samlesbury the achievements to date were presented including Phase 1 Infrastructure Works providing a public highway between the A59 and A677, the Academy for Skills and Knowledge and the Wincanton Defence Logistics Centre.

Further update were provided on the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre development and the Asset Management Facility.

With regard to Warton it was noted that two companies Accenture and Trescal have been located on site since 2015. Strategic discussions are continuing between officers to discuss opportunities at Warton to complement and build on existing high value activity and to support the development of Lancashire's Industrial Strategy.

Resolved: The Enterprise Zone Governance Committee noted the contents of the report and the updates provided on Samlesbury and Warton Enterprise Zones.