

LEP - Enterprise Zone Governance Committee

Minutes of the Inquorate Meeting held on Thursday, 21st March, 2019 at 10.00 am at the Committee Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Present

David Taylor (Chairman)

Mark Rawstron

In Attendance

Chris Dyson, Programme Manager, Strategic Development, Lancashire County Council
Heather Gittins, Business Support Officer, Lancashire County Council
Rob Green, Head of Enterprise Zones, Blackpool Council
Richard Kenny, Interim Director of Economic Development and Planning, Lancashire County Council
Andy Milroy, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council
Stephen Young, Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services, Lancashire County Council

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

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

It was noted that Councillor Simon Blackburn had nominated Councillor Ivan Taylor as his representative however as Councillor Taylor was not present the meeting was inquorate. It was agreed by the members present that as the reports were for noting the meeting could proceed and the minutes from the meeting be circulated afterwards by written resolution.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2018

Resolved: The minutes of the Enterprise Zone Governance Committee meeting held on the 28th November 2019 be agreed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Declaration of Interests

None

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Enterprise Zone Governance Committee was scheduled to be held at 10am on Monday 3rd June 2019 in Committee Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston.

7. 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.

8. Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone: Progress 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.

It was noted that the masterplan for Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone is available for download from the LAMEC web site and will be reviewed on an annual basis to reflect as built changes with a full review undertaken on a quinquennial basis.

An update was provided on the Delivery (Implementation) Plan for the Zone and on the current activity.

With regards to marketing it was noted that the Blackpool Airport site was moving forward and that they are making sure that their new website closely aligns with invest in Lancashire and that all sites are in the same place.

It was highlighted that more signs are planned for the frontage of the airport site and that the first Enterprise Zone E-newsletter was issued in February to all existing occupiers.

It was noted that the format of the Risk Register was currently being revised and that a new one will be brought forward to the next board.

An update on development was provided noting that to date a total of 250 enquiries have been received since commencement of the Enterprise Zone and that some 56 businesses have located to the Enterprise Zone since April 2016.

In addition updates were provided on forthcoming activity including Phase One Development.

Resolved: The Enterprise Zone Governance Committee

- i. Noted the progress report as set out; and
- ii. Noted the updated Masterplan for the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone as presented.

9. Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone - progress report

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

It was discussed that Committee Members may benefit from looking around the Enterprise Zone Sites and that visits would be arranged in the future.

It was noted that the Masterplan was adopted at Cabinet on November 28th 2018 and that they are now looking at potential mini masterplans.

Marketing of the site continues.

A brief update was provided on the implementation plan and marketing of the site.

It was noted that the National LEP Network had discussed Enterprise Zones at an event held recently and that they were planning on setting up a small group to discuss topics and areas of policy with various government departments and it was noted that the committee would be keen to nominate someone to participate and be involved with this. Richard Kenny agreed to email enquire about this.

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

10. Salmesbury Aerospace and Warton Aviation Enterprise Zones Update Report

Rob Green, Head of Enterprise Zones, Blackpool Council, and Chris Dyson, Programme Manager, Strategic Development officer, LCC presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided the committee with an update on Salmesbury Aerospace and Warton Aviation Enterprise Zones.

With regards to the Samlesbury it was noted that the spine road is now in place and fully operational allowing access through the site. Marketing boards are in place on both the North and South of the sites entrances and are really prominent.

It was noted that a report will go to cabinet in April to discuss commercial ideas.

The committee agreed that it feels more tangible now and that it would be beneficial for Chris to provide an update to the LEP board during a site visit.

With regards to the Warton Site it was noted that this is a different site in terms of geography and that site visits and strategic discussions are taking place. Both sites are being promoted at PLACE and more recently at MIPIN and they are receiving good feedback.

A query was raised regarding the signage at Warton and it was commented that it may be worth speaking to David Holmes to see if it was possible to have any signage for the site at BAE who have frontage.

Resolved: That the Enterprise Zone Governance Committee noted the contents of the report.

11. Reporting to Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board

None