**Appendix 'F'**

**LEP – Warton Aviation Enterprise Zone – 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. The Enterprise Zone has two companies, Accenture and Trescal who 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 on the current high value activity at SAEZ to support the development of Lancashire's Local Industrial Strategy.

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 was ready to be operational if required. As death rates decreased from earlier projections the facility was mothballed in May 2020 and is now in the process of being decommissioned (to be completed by the 13 September) by the county council working closely with partners BAE systems.

**KPIs and Milestones**

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| Business | **Trescal** | **Accenture** |
| Operational Date | 2015 | 2015 |
| Circa Jobs | 6 | 1 permanent officer and up to 12 officers a week use as hot desk |
| Area m2 | Existing BAE accommodation | Existing BAE accommodation |
| Circa Investment | Existing BAE accommodation | Existing BAE accommodation |

**Risk and Issues**

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| **Opportunities, Risk and Issues** | **Mitigation and Actions** |
| Partner's concerted focus has been upon the Samlesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone, which is segregated from BAE's Operational site. | Senior officers from the county council and BAE are continuing to discuss opportunities at WAEZ to build and complement on the current high value activity at SAEZ. |
| The Warton Aviation EZ is located within the BAE Warton operational site and as such currently restricts potential occupants with a requirement to be within existing BAE supply chain. | Whilst strategic discussions have been initiated, there is a requirement to consider the longer term potential and opportunity at Warton through further dialogue between partners. |