**Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone Report to 31st March 2021 – Lead Rob Green**

***BACKGROUND***

In April 2016 the Government awarded Enterprise Zone status to Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone.Hillhouse EZ has benefited from private sector investment including a gas fired generator station Burn Naze IE, c.30,000 sq ft extension at Addisons Projects, Victrex’s c.20,000 sq ft R&D plant, completion of AGC CE’s thermal oxidiser and a 52,272 sq ft 20MW gas turbine power station. Victrex received circa £1.4m Regional Growth Fund toward the R&D pilot plant. £504,000 Getting Building Funding has been secured for the water main and gatehouse infrastructure works on site plus additional match funding by Wyre Council and NPL of £63,000 each, and a further £200,000 from Wyre Borough Council to support a local full fibre network (LFFN) extension to site.

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| **Baselines at April 2016** | **Jobs Created** | **Companies on Site** | **Business Rates** |
| Jobs Created | 1650 | 45 | £2.5m |

***PERFORMANCE***

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| **KPI Description**  | **Target to 2026** | **Actuals (Q4 2021)** | **RAG** |
| Commercial / R&D floorspace (sqm) | 13,000 | c.9,456 |  |
| Jobs Created | 137 | 98 |  |
| Land Sales  | £1.5m | - |  |

Amber RAG has been applied to reflect two key matters:

* The history and layout of the site suits large investments, which take a considerable amount of time to develop, as such the impact of Covid is more likely to have a stronger impact here. However when they do take place, they will have a considerable positive impact upon KPIs.
* Performance is strongly linked to the delivery of the Getting Building Fund project which brings forward (quicker than relying solely on EZ funds) smaller land parcels to a more open market, however there is currently some uncertainty about the timely delivery of this project, and so this impacts upon the confidence of output delivery.

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| **Milestones** | **Dates** |
| Forsa Energy completion of build  | Complete |
| Appointment of joint international marketing agent LAMEC brand | Complete |
| Demolition and clearance of Vinnolit plots complete  | Summer 2021 |
| Revised Delivery Plan  | Autumn 2021 |
| 60,000 sq ft speculative development of small multi-use units (planning application submitted)  | Autumn 2021 |
| Subsequent roll out of fibre ducting on site  | Dec 2021 |
| Utilities and infrastructure upgrade including new gatehouse, (planning submission pending)  | Mar 2022 |
| Fiscal benefit extension decision from HM Treasury | Mar 2022 |

**Objectives over 2 years:**

LFFN roll out across site complete (LFFN fibre now to site boundary)

Commencement of spec dev build of 60,000 sq ft multi-use units

Utilities and infrastructure work including new gatehouse complete

Railway Line

**Objectives over 5 years:**

Phase 1 spec build complete and fully let

Phase 2 new spec development in planning pipeline

Access Road

**Objectives over 10 years:**

50% of site built out and thriving business hub

***RISKS***

A Single Portfolio Risk Register for the combined programmes is attached to the main report.