



Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Limited

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Lancashire Enterprise Zone Governance Arrangements
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to agree the revised Terms of Reference regarding the governance and programme management arrangements of the Lancashire Enterprise Zone.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to agree the revised Terms of Reference and membership of the Enterprise Zone (EZ) Governance Committee, Programme Board and Project Board in relation to the Lancashire Enterprise Zone, as detailed in Appendix 'A' to this report.

1. Background and Advice

- 1.1 The LEP Board agreed in September, 2012 to establish the Lancashire Enterprise Zone (EZ) Governance Committee, as a formal sub-committee of the Board, to oversee the development and implementation of the EZ initiative.
- 1.2 Key partners have also worked hard in recent months to ensure the EZ is now in position to advance with real purpose. In light of the progress made, and with the roles of key partners clearly defined, it is considered necessary to refresh the Terms of Reference and the membership of the EZ Governing Body to ensure these are fit for purpose.
- 1.3 It is also considered important to establish an EZ Programme Board and EZ Project Board to focus the priorities and inputs of key partners in support of the EZ delivery plan.
- 1.4 The views of Board members are welcome on the detailed proposals set out in Appendix 'A' of this report. However, key highlights include the following:



- The EZ Governance Committee to be chaired by the LEP Chair to underline the importance of the EZ initiative to the work of the LEP.
 - The Governance Committee aims to blend the expertise of LEP Directors with co-opted members. In relation to the latter, it is proposed that Mark Smith and David Taylor join the Governance Committee, as notable leaders in their respective fields of innovation, commercial development and regeneration.
 - The intention to establish a powerful EZ Programme Board to support the work of the EZ Governance Committee. A dedicated EZ Project Board will also be established to manage operational delivery elements.
- 1.5 However, it is proposed that the Terms of Reference and membership of the EZ Governance Committee, EZ Programme Board and EZ Project Board are subject to regular review to ensure the right skillsets and delivery partners are deployed and engaged in support of the EZ.
- 1.6 Finally, the Board is fully aware and supportive of the Blackpool Airport Growth Corridor EZ application. If Government endorses the LEP's case-making, the revised Terms of Reference set out in this report would need to be modified, in due course, to accommodate the Blackpool initiative. A further report will be submitted to the LEP Board on this aspect should there be a positive outcome with Government.