**Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Performance Committee Summary Update – 2nd September 2016 meeting**

**Lancashire Enterprise Zone Programme**

**Achievements in the last two months**

**Lancashire Advanced Engineering & Manufacturing EZ - Samlesbury Site**

* Commencement of two new facilities on the Samlesbury site with both due for completion in Autumn 2016:
	+ 135,000 ft2 Wincanton Logistics facility – to be operational by December.
	+ 60,000 ft2 BAE Systems' Training Academy – to open in September.
* Main spine road connecting the A59 and A677 to be completed in September 2016.
* Work is on-going between specialist consultants and the County Council to develop detailed design and infrastructure requirements for site to enable commercial development.
* Advanced discussions with a number (five) of potential end-occupiers with a number of Non-Disclosure Agreements in place.
* Advanced discussions taking place with the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) in Sheffield to establish AMRC NW at Samlesbury. The LEP's Growth Deal 3 Submission to Government in July 2016 contained a proposal to secure £15m worth of Growth Deal funding to support the delivery of AMRC North West (total project cost £69m).
* LCC with the North West Aerospace Alliance and Colliers attended the Farnborough International Airshow in July 2016 to promote Lancashire's aerospace capabilities and commercial opportunities at Samlesbury and Warton.

**Lancashire Advanced Engineering & Manufacturing Enterprise Zone - Warton Site**

* No further update since the last Performance Committee meeting.

**Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone**

* There are 15 new jobs confirmed since commencement of EZ on 1st  April 2016 and an estimated 350 jobs will be safeguarded.

**Hillhouse International Enterprise Zone**

* LEP's Growth Deal 3 submission contained a proposal to support A585 Junction Improvements to support accelerated delivery of Hillhouse International EZ.

**Current challenges**

* Delivery capacity.
* Securing end occupiers to stimulate infrastructure provision/development across the EZ sites.
* Develop and deliver a coherent approach to marketing Lancashire's EZ sites to ensure a non-competitive approach to securing inward investment opportunities/end-occupiers.

**Future issues requiring a planned approach to their management**

* Modelling of Business Rates Growth income across the Enterprise Zone programme.
* Establishment of individual Project Boards to ensure delivery of each EZ site.
* Consistent approach to marketing of collective EZ programme and individual sites.
* Securing end-occupiers.

**Other general observations**

* Freshfield working with Marketing Lancashire and the LEP has been appointed to develop a branding strategy for Lancashire's EZ programme. A stakeholder event which included representatives from the public and private sector who have an interest across the 4 EZ sites was held on 4th August 2016. The EZ Governance Committee meets on 1st September 2016 to consider taking this work forward.