



Minutes of the Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone Board

July 2020

Meeting Title	Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone Board	
Date	23 July 2020	
Time	13:00-15:00	
Location	Microsoft Teams	
Agenda Item		Action/Decision
1.	<p>Attendees and apologies</p> <p>EZ Board Members: Robert Mee, Chair of EZ Board and LEP Board Member Peter Broxton, LEP Board Member and Vice Chair of EZ Board Tony Bochenski, Independent Member Peter Broxton, LEP Board Member and Vice Chair of the EZ Board Chris Farrow, Independent Member Katie McConnell, LEP Youth Board Member Annette McDonald, Independent Member Cllr Amanda Stott, Cheshire East Council</p> <p>In Attendance: John Adlen, Cheshire & Warrington LEP Philip Cox, Cheshire & Warrington LEP Stephen Fitzsimons, Warrington & Co. Philip Kerr, Cheshire East Council</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Russ Bowden, Warrington Borough Council Cllr Richard Beacham, Cheshire West & Chester Council Stephanie Ramsden, Cheshire West & Chester Council Joel Tagg, Cities & Growth Unit</p>	
2.	<p>Previous EZ Board minutes</p> <p>All matters arising from the previous EZ Board held on 16 May 2019 have been actioned or will be covered in this board.</p>	Minutes agreed and signed off
3.	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>(a) Cllr Amanda Stott declared an interest on behalf of Cheshire East Council in Alderley Park (b) Stephen Fitzsimons declared an interest on behalf of Warrington Borough Council in Birchwood Park (c) Chris Farrow declared an interest in sites in Ellesmere Port as Chair of the Ellesmere Port Development Board</p>	

4.	<p>Site Update There was no site update due to Covid-19.</p>	
5.	<p>Governance The EZ Board welcomed Katie McConnell, who has joined as a representative from the LEP's newly established Youth Board</p>	
6.	<p>a) EZ investment programme update John Adlen updated the EZ Board on progress of the investment programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Glasshouse – completed, final claim received but not paid ▪ Aviator – completed, still awaiting final claim ▪ Helix Phase 2 – completed, still awaiting final claim ▪ Newport Rhino – completed, final claim received and paid ▪ New Bridge Road Substation – completed, final claim received and paid ▪ Quadrant Phase 2 – completed, first claim will be paid once EZ Borrowing Facility is signed <p>b) EZ investment cases No items.</p> <p>c) Quarterly Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New businesses attracted to EZ – 16 (total 79) ▪ New jobs attracted to EZ – 276 (total 1,883) ▪ New and refurbished commercial floorspace – 32,159 sq ft (total 696,976 sq ft) ▪ Private sector leverage - £3.9m (total £142.7m) 	
7.	<p>Operational update</p> <p>a) Growth Director's update The EZ Board considered and noted the Growth Director's report on key development activities undertaken during the last period.</p> <p>b) Business Rate Discount applications The Board ratified the following Business Rate Discount applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unistow ▪ Stantec ▪ Helio Medical ▪ Cryoshere 	
8.	<p>Marketing and communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion have been held with the University of Liverpool and University of Manchester regarding how to better market the three sub-regions as a science and tech location ▪ Discussion have been held with Alderley Park anout developing a marketing strategy and campaign for the life sciences sector to capitalise on the success of the Lighthouse Lab 	
9.	<p>Finance update The EZ Board noted the Growth Director's update on EZ finances and the creation of a £30m borrowing facility from the three local authorities.</p>	
10.	<p>AOB There being no other business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p>	