

Official minutes of meeting

## Growth Corridors Board

22 January 2022 17:00-19:00

Location: Microsoft Teams

Item	Action
<hr/> <b>Part A: Public items</b> <hr/>	
<b>1. Attendees and apologies</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>Board members:</b>	
Peter Broxton (Chair)	
Loren Jones (Vice-Chair)	
Cllr Richard Beacham	
Tony Bochenski	
Chris Farrow	
Nicola Heron	
Linda Hilton	
Cllr Tom Jennings	
Cllr Nick Mannion	
<b>In attendance:</b>	
John Adlen	
Stephen Fitzsimons	
Gemma Davies	
Charles Jarvis	
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Philip Cox	
Martin Wood	

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<b>2. Life sciences presentation and discussion</b>	Rob Parrish and Katy Bacon from 7i Group presented the findings of their research on the North West life sciences cluster and eco-systems mapping.
<b>3. Declarations of interest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="284 512 1299 631">a) Cllr Nick Mannion and Charles Jarvis declared an interest in Alderley Park on behalf of Cheshire East Council pertaining to item 7</li> <li data-bbox="284 663 1299 781">b) Chris Farrow declared an interest in sites in Ellesmere Port as Chair of the Ellesmere Port Development Board pertaining to item 7</li> <li data-bbox="284 813 1299 931">c) Cllr Tom Jennings and Stephen Fitzsimons declared an interest in Birchwood Park on behalf of Warrington Borough Council pertaining to item 7</li> <li data-bbox="284 963 1299 1043">d) Cllr Richard Beacham declared an interest in Cloister Way, Dutton Green and Newport Business Park pertaining to item 7.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Minutes and matters arising</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on 09 December 2021 were agreed as a correct record.
<b>5. Public speaking time</b>	No requests were received from members of the public to attend or speak at the meeting.
<b>6. Governance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="284 1473 1299 1599">a) <b>Progress against purpose pyramid</b> John Adlen updated the Board on progress against the purpose pyramid and action plan.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="284 1693 1299 1895">a) <b>Investment programme update</b> John Adlen updated the Board on the EZ investment programme, noting that the original set of EZ investments had now been completed and fully drawn down, with the exception of Blocks 22-24.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>b) Investment pipeline</b></p> <p>John Adlen updated the Board on the EZ investment pipeline, noting that there are currently four schemes in the pipeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Enviroo</b> (previously ASD) – plastics recycling plant at Protos</li> <li>▪ <b>Waste-to-Hydrogen</b> - led by Peel NRE plant at Protos</li> <li>▪ <b>Quadrant Phase 3</b> – 85,000 sq ft of new industrial floorspace at Birchwood Park</li> <li>▪ Alderley Park – c.100,000 sq ft of new lab space</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>High Speed Growth Corridor</b></p> <p>John Adlen gave a verbal update to the Board on the High Speed Growth Corridor business case and the imminent call for submissions for the GBR HQ.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Marketing and promotion</b></p> <p>No items.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Cluster and sector development</b></p> <p><b>a) Life sciences</b></p> <p>Covered by item 2.</p> <p><b>b) Energy</b></p> <p>John Adlen updated the Board the latest developments within the energy cluster, including the call for bids from Rolls Royce for a new small modular reactor heavy vessel factory.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Town centres</b></p> <p>Local authority representatives provided an update on town centre developments across their areas, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Crewe</li> <li>▪ Macclesfield</li> <li>▪ Ellesmere Port</li> <li>▪ Northwich</li> <li>▪ Winsford</li> <li>▪ Warrington</li> </ul>

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**Part B: Non-public items**

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**11. EZ investment cases**

No items

**12. AOB**

There being no other business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.