



Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone Board

Date: Thursday 23 July 2020

Time: 13:00-15:00

Location: Microsoft Teams

Agenda

- (1) Attendees and apologies
- (2) Previous minutes from the EZ Board of 26 March 2020 (attached as Appendix A)
- (3) Declarations of interest
- (4) Site update
- (5) Governance
- (6) EZ investment programme update
- (7) EZ investment cases
- (8) Operational update
 - (a) Quarterly Monitoring
 - (b) Growth Director's update
 - (c) Business Rate Discount applications
- (9) Marketing and communications
- (10) Finance
 - (a) Borrowing facility update
- (11) AOB

PLEASE NOTE: If members of the public wish to attend the Enterprise Zone Board to observe then please email john.adlen@871candwep.co.uk at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

Item 1 – Attendees and Apologies

EZ Board Members:

Robert Mee, Chair of EZ Board and LEP Board Member
Peter Broxton, LEP Board Member and Vice Chair of the EZ Board
Cllr Richard Beacham, Cheshire West & Chester Council
Tony Bochenski, Independent Member
Chris Farrow, Independent Member
Annette McDonald, Independent Member
Cllr Amanda Stott, Cheshire East Council

In Attendance:

John Adlen, Cheshire & Warrington LEP
Philip Cox, Cheshire & Warrington LEP
Stephen Fitzsimons, Warrington & Co.
Philip Kerr, Cheshire East Council
Joel Tagg, Cities & Growth Unit

Apologies:

Cllr Russ Bowden, Warrington Borough Council
Stephanie Ramsden, Cheshire West & Chester Council

Item 2 – Previous Minutes

Attached as Appendix A.

Item 3 – Declarations of interest

EZ Board members and attendees to declare any personal or professional interests in an agenda item in line with the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership's Local Assurance Framework.

Any Board member or attendee declaring an interest can remain in the meeting while the item is discussed but are only allowed to answer direct questions about that item and should refrain from promoting the item in any way.

Item 4 – Site update

There is no update from the host site due to covid-19.

Item 5 – Governance

The EZ Board welcomes Katie McConnell, who joins as a representative from the LEP's newly established Youth Board.

Item 6 – EZ investment programme

The table below provides the latest position on the approved EZ investments.

Project	Total Project Cost (£)	Total Investment Committed (£)	Investment Drawn Down to Date (£)	Remainder to be Drawn Down (£)
Glasshouse	27,800,000	3,872,876	2,726,498	1,146,378
Aviator Phase 1	10,786,918	1,701,418	1,268,143	433,275
Helix Phase 2	3,728,223	659,347	557,828	101,519
Newport Rhino	6,187,228	792,670	792,670	-
New Bridge Road Substation	1,698,180	590,857	590,857	-
Total	50,200,549	7,617,168	5,935,996	1,681,172

- **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 made once EZ Borrowing Facility is signed

Item 7 – EZ investment cases

No items

Item 8 – Operational update

Item 8a) Quarterly Monitoring

Output	Q4 2019/20 Outputs	Total Outputs 2016-20
New businesses attracted to the EZ	16	79
New jobs attracted to the EZ	276	1,883
New and refurbished commercial floorspace completed (Sq ft)	32,159	696,976
Private sector leverage (£)	3.9m	142.7m

Item 8b) Growth Director's update

The following key development activities have been undertaken during the last period:

- ASD investment cases – a letter of intent issued to ASD following agreement by the EZ Board
- Progressing legal agreements for:
 - Quadrant Phase 2 (Birchwood Park)
 - Aviator Phase 2 (Hooton Park)
 - Blocks 22-24 (Alderley Park)
- Newport Business Park – early stage discussions with the Gaerwen Properties regarding the development of an EZ investment case for a phased development of the remainder of the site, likely to come to the EZ Board in September or November.
- Working with the Medicines Discovery Catapult and Bruntwood on a GBF funding bid for the development of a Category 3 clean lab at Alderley Park
- Continued support of the Thornton Science Park Taskforce to undertake due diligence and produce a prospectus for a joint venture partner.
- Development of the business case for a Crewe HS2 Growth Corridor.

Item 8c) Business Rate Discount applications

The following Business Rate Discount applications have been approved by the EZ Steering Group and are recommended for ratification by the EZ Board:

- **Unistow** (Helix Business Park, Ellesmere Port) - design and manufacture specialist furniture for the veterinary and commercial sectors, including digital temperature controlled drug storage units for the veterinary and healthcare sectors and specialist educational furniture including teaching wall systems and media walls. The company is currently located in Neston and is seeking to take Unit 6 at Helix Business Park.
- **Stantec** (Daten Park, Birchwood) – Stantec provides engineering design consultancy services, undertaking research/study projects for clients in the water, infrastructure, buildings and energy sectors. They are currently based just outside the EZ in Temple Court, Birchwood. They intend to relocate from their existing premises and locate within the EZ.
- **Helios Medical** (Alderley Park) – the company provides services to the life sciences sector including: strategic medical communications consultancy, medical education, publications and medical writing, external expert strategy and collaboration, internal training solutions, external meetings and

advisory boards, multi-channel communications, patient-centric communications, creative branding and design. The company has been based at Alderley Park since 2015 and moved into a larger unit(s) in order to expand.

- **Cryosphere Services Ltd** (Alderley Park) – currently based at the Heath Business Park in Runcorn and have taken 1,078 sqm of space at Alderley Park. The business provides temperature controlled, regulated storage and logistics management of biological samples on behalf of third parties. Storage at Alderley Park includes specialist highly engineered liquid nitrogen facilities. The premises at Alderley Park are an expansion of their operations and the company will be retaining its premises in Runcorn.

Item 9 – Marketing and communications

- The EZ website is currently being updated by Marketing Cheshire.
- Discussions have been held with the University of Liverpool and University of Manchester regarding how we can better market the three sub-regions as a science and tech location.
- Discussions have been held with Alderley Park about developing a marketing strategy and campaign for the life sciences sector to capitalise on the success of the Lighthouse Lab.

Item 10 – Finance update

Item 10a) Borrowing facility update

A verbal update will be provided to the Board.

Item 11 – AOB

Members are invited to table any other items of business.