



# Minutes of the Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone Board

January 2021

<b>Meeting Title</b>	Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone Board	
<b>Date</b>	28 January 2021	
<b>Time</b>	13:00-15:00	
<b>Location</b>	Microsoft Teams	
<b>Agenda Item</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Attendees and apologies</b></p> <p><b>EZ Board Members:</b>            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 &amp; Chester Council            Tony Bochenski, Independent Member            Chris Farrow, Independent Member            Annette McDonald, Independent Member</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b>            John Adlen, Cheshire &amp; Warrington LEP            Gemma Davies, Cheshire West &amp; Chester Council            Philip Kerr, Cheshire East Council            Stephen Fitzsimons, Warrington &amp; Co.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>            Cllr Russ Bowden, Warrington Borough Council            Philip Cox, Cheshire &amp; Warrington LEP            Katie McConnell, LEP Youth Board Member            Cllr Amanda Stott, Cheshire East Council            Joel Tagg, Cities &amp; Growth Unit            Martin Wood, Cities &amp; Growth Unit</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Previous EZ Board minutes</b></p> <p>All matters arising from the previous EZ Board held on 23 July 2020 have been actioned or will be covered in this board.</p>	Minutes agreed and signed off
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b></p> <p>(a) Philip Kerr declared an interest on behalf of Cheshire East Council in Alderley Park</p> <p>(b) Stephen Fitzsimons declared an interest on behalf of Warrington Borough Council in Birchwood Park</p> <p>(c) Chris Farrow declared an interest in sites in Ellesmere Port as Chair of the Ellesmere Port Development Board</p>	

5.	<b>Governance</b> No items.	
6.	<b>a) EZ investment programme update</b> John Adlen updated the EZ Board on progress of the investment programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Quadrant Phase 2</b> – three out of the five units let and in discussions with prospective tenants on the final two units.</li> <li>▪ <b>Blocks 22-24 Alderley Park</b> – MSCP is nearing completion (February 2021), the conversion of Blocks 22-24 has been designed to RIBA Stage 4 and a contractor appointed to strip out and undertake remedial works which are on target to be completed in March 2021.</li> <li>▪ <b>Aviator Phase 2</b> – Legal agreement completed in December 2020, developer expects to start on site within the next 6 months.</li> <li>▪ <b>Newport Business Park</b> – early stage discussions with Gaerwen Properties about the development of circa 180,000 sq ft of industrial floorspace at Newport Business Park, business case expected in Spring 2021.</li> </ul> <b>b) EZ investment cases</b> No items	
7.	<b>Operational update</b> <b>a) Growth Director’s update</b> The EZ Board considered and noted the Growth Director’s report on key development activities undertaken during the last period. <b>b) Business Rate Discount applications</b> The Board ratified the following Business Rate Discount applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maniere De Voir</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Marketing and communications</b> The Growth Director updated the Board on plans to redesign and update the content of the EZ website, in line with the LEP’s wider rebranding and website redesign.	
9.	<b>Finance update</b> 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.	
10.	<b>AOB</b> There being no other business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.	