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ENTERPRISE ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

28 June 2022 (3pm – 5pm), MS Teams Video Conference

Attendees:

John Sutcliffe (JSu) Chair, Dorset LEP Board Member Peter Hopkins (PH), Dorset Council (attended on behalf of John Sellgren) Cecilia Bufton (CB), Dorset LEP Board Chair Anwen Jones (AJ), Department of Business, Enterprise & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Dr Corrina Osborne (CO), Dorset LEP

Other Attendees:

Daniela Doncakova (DD), Dorset LEP Alex Clothier (AC), Dorset Council Jon Bird (JB), Dorset Council Joanne Haskins (JH), Project Manager, BattleLab (attended on behalf of Glenn Richardson) Martina Hanulova (MH), Dorset LEP

Apologies:

Cllr Tony Ferrari (TF), Dorset Council John Sellgren (JSe), Dorset Council Glenn Richardson, British Army

Item	nn Richardson, British Army Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Action
1.	JSu welcomed the attendees to the meeting, especially AJ and PH as this was their first meeting.	
	Apologies were received from TF, JSe who was represented by Peter Hopkins and GR who was represented by JH.	
	JH advised that GR has delegated the attendance of the Committee to her going forward as the MoD representative.	
	No declarations of interest were stated.	
ltem	Minutes and actions from previous meetings	Action
2.	Minutes from the February 2022 meeting were approved by the Committee.	
ltem	All actions from the previous meetings have been addressed. Committee Membership	Action
3.	The Committee agreed to appoint TF as the new Committee Chair, in principal, and CB as the Committee Deputy-chair.	
	Action #10: TF to confirm the acceptance of the Chair appointment.	TF
	CB agreed to deputise for TF, as and when required.	
ltem	DIP Business rates generation update	Action
4.	The Committee thanked TF & JSe for their hard work, however, there is still a lot of work involved to provide the detail.	
	Dorset Council Cabinet approved \pounds 3.1m of investment, and \pounds 11.5m was noted to be approved in 23/24:	
	Decision: (a) That funding (£3.1m plus 20% contingencies) for the delivery of ten new light industrial units (Quadrant 2) at Dorset Innovation Park (DIP), be approved.	
	(b) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets & Property, and the Section 151	

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	Officer, to implement the Quadrant 2 proposals, as set out in the paper to Cabinet on 21 June 2022.	
	(c) That the outline four-year capital investment plan for DIP estimated at £11.5m plus 20% contingencies, be noted (formal funding approval will be sought through the 2023/24 budget setting process).	
	For more information on the decision, the full proposal can be found here.	
ltem	DIP reporting summary	Action
5.	AC provided an update on the reporting. He advised:	
	There has been an increase over the year in job numbers for the park, even though there was not an increase in the last quarter, an increase is expected for Q1 FY 22/23.	
ltem	DIP investment plan update & targets	Action
6.	JB provided an update on the review of jobs and sqm targets.	
ltem	DIP governance vs BattleLab governance	Action
7.	Dorset LEP will still provide strategic outlook for the site and the link into central government as well as political engagement. Dorset Council will take on the administration of the DIP with TF as the Chair and CB as the Deputy-chair.	
	The membership will remain as it is with MoD, Dorset Council, Dorset LEP and BEIS and JSu will continue as an independent member.	
	CB thanked JSu for his time as the Chair.	
ltem	Academic presence on DIP update	Action
8.	Meetings were held with representatives of eight leading universities all of whom are interested in collaboration with the BattleLab project. Follow up meetings are being arranged.	
ltem	DIP energy infrastructure update	Action
9.	Dorset Council is trying to decarbonise the site as much as possible.	
	JSu thanked CO for all the work for the energy subcommittee.	

Note: Date of Next Meeting - 26 October 2022 (10am -12pm)