

ENTERPRISE ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING – DORSET COUNCIL INVESTMENT PLAN DISCUSSION

8 JUNE 2021 (4PM TO 5PM) - MS Teams Video Conference

MINUTES

Attendees:

John Sutcliffe (JSu) Chair
 Lorna Carver (LC)
 Glenn Richardson (GD)
 Cllr Tony Ferrari (TF)
 John Sellgren (JSe)

Other Attendees:

Cecilia Bufton (CB)
 Elizabeth Spence (ES), Department of Business, Enterprise & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
 Daniela Doncakova (DD)

Apologies: N/A

Item	Dorset Council Enterprise Zone (EZ) Investment Plan Discussion	Action
1.	<p>JSu chaired the meeting.</p> <p>JSe presented a draft strategic investment plan for the Innovation Park to the Committee. The figures quoted in this presentation are indicative for planning purposes. JSe thanked everyone for the work that has been put in over the past two years.</p> <p>Dorset Council now has a much clearer view about the collective strategic intent for the site. The purpose is to come to a common understanding and agreement for the way forward; with a common shared vision. The focus is currently strongly on defence and security.</p> <p>Clarity on direction of investments and the best return is required; not just in financial terms, but also in terms of economic regeneration for the site (i.e. jobs & GVA growth). Growth will require investment to capitalise on the forecast.</p> <p>Marketing is fundamental to making the site successful and creating community feel.</p> <p>There is already a lot of business support collaboration present in Dorset, it is how best to harness it and make businesses on site aware of the possibilities.</p> <p>Dorset Council confirmed commitment to take the investment plan forward. The next stage will be to discuss details and map out activities to ascertain if the funding requirements can be achieved and to turn it into a plan of action.</p> <p>Action: LC & JSe to further discuss the investment plan and the next steps at regular meetings; including government priority themes and government streams that could be anticipated for delivering the EZ investment plan.</p> <p>Action: JSe to provide more information and detail on the Investment Plan at the next Committee meeting.</p> <p>Action: JSe & GR to discuss and share the thinking with MoD colleagues.</p>	<p>LC & JSe</p> <p>JSe</p> <p>JSe & GR</p>

Note: Date of next meetings: 19 July (10am – 12pm)