

Title:	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership Enterprise Zone (EZ) Board
Date:	Wednesday 05 October 2022
Time:	09:00 – 12:00
Venue:	Celtic Sea Power, Chi Gallos, Hayle Marine Renewables Business Park
Chair:	Steve Jermy (SJ) - Celtic Sea Power
Secretariat:	Clare Connaughton (CC) – Economy, Skills & LEP
Membership:	C&IoS LEP: Steve Jermy (SJ) Cornwall Council: Goonhilly Earth Station Limited: Ian Jones (IJ) A&P: Drystan Jones (DJ)
Attendees:	C&IoS LEP: Mark Duddridge (MD) CC: Matthew Vowels (MV) Gail Eastaugh (GE) A&P: Mike Spicer (MS) GES: Piran Tresize (PT) Spaceport: BEIS / DLUHC Cities & Local Growth: Josie Gough (JG) Other attendees: Adam Ronaldson (AR) - Commercial and Financial Director Treveth Holdings

Minutes		ACTION
1	Welcomes and Introductions	
1.1	Introductions were made.	
2	Apologies for Absence	
2.1	Jordan Whaley (JW) Cllr Louis Gardner (LG) Melissa Thorpe (MT) Stacey Sleeman (SS) Nicola Lloyd (NL)	
3	Treveth Presentation	
3.1	Adam Ronaldson delivered a set of slides detailing Treveth's vision, their relationship with CC, their remit and funding and partnership working.	

3.2	A discussion ensued on how Treveth could meet current demands in the County such as lack of residential and office space. In particular, to provide homes for local people who have to compete with second home owners and air b&bs.	
3.3	With the expansion of the Space Cluster, there is demand for both office and residential accommodation for contractors who work on shorter term projects. There is a need for short-term lets for several sectors, such as agriculture, hospitality, and in the future, Marine, FLOW, tech metal and green energy industries.	
3.4	There is a risk that businesses will be deterred from relocating due to the lack of accommodation. Treveth, Housing Associations and larger industries wishing to relocate to Cornwall, can work together to enable this. In addition, long term rentals for local people.	
3.5	It was agreed to arrange a workshop to progress this; to include Treveth, housing partners and relevant stakeholders. Action – SJ/MD.	SJ/MD
3.6	Building on the success of Aerohub and ESAM, a package can be devised to attract investors to Cornwall who in turn would benefit the local supply chain.	
3.7	MD and MV will look at existing enterprise zones for potential workspace which could be managed by a designated operator. They will scope local business for their demands.	MD/MV
3.8	Treveth will be invited to future Board meetings. Thanks to AR for giving this update. AR left at 09:49.	
4	Housekeeping	
4a	Conflict of Interest declaration	
4a.1	A&P to leave during the discussion of ARC Marine EZ Growth Fund.	
4b	Approval of Minutes from the last meeting	

4b.1	The previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
4c	Action Summary	
4c.1	The action summary was reviewed and updated (as below).	
5	EZ Board update	
5.1	Following the announcement by central Government to establish Investment Zones in certain Local Authorities, it was felt this would fit in with the current EZ Board review.	
5.2	Enterprise Zones already have similar incentives as an Investment Zone, such as business tax incentives. It will lead to investment to create jobs accompanied with housing infrastructure, in order to drive forward economic growth.	
5.3	Glenn Caplin-Grey is working on an Expression of Interest (EoI) which needs to be submitted by 14 th of October 2022. JG offered assistance with the EoI and referred members to FAQs. Action – MD and SJ to make contact with Glenn to ensure details of the EoI. Also, to ensure formal support from local MPs.	MD/SJ
5.4	SJ presented a paper at the last LEP Board regarding a new model for this Board, and cited the Celtic Sea Cluster as a suitable model. The Space Cluster model is an example of a successful strategy which can be adopted by other sectors / clusters.	
5.5	The consensus of the LEP is for clusters and along the lines of the Great South West Powerhouse. The partnership would consist of LEP/LA and private sectors including, agriculture, food, local industries, housing, and energy.	
5.6	Action - Glenn C-G will be contacted by SJ to progress an SPF bid. Jordan Whaley will be contacted regarding match-funding opportunities for SPF. Timing is restricted so this action is immediate.	SJ

6	Marketing and Pipeline Opportunities	
6.1	Following on from the success at ESAM, it would be advisable to have a similar manufacturing workspace at Newquay EZ and Falmouth Docks.	
7	Spaceport Update	
7.1	The Space Systems Integration Facility was officially opened last week which was widely publicised. The team is preparing for the VO launch and post-launch activity, to capture all business opportunities related to Spaceport.	
7.2	Work to the modular building (Space Systems Operations Facility, SSOF) is underway and is expected to do a bid for SPF monies. The building will contain co-working spaces. It was still felt more co-working space is needed now so MV will follow up on the former Arla site at St. Mawgan Airport to explore the possibility of developing co-working spaces.	MV
8	Aerospace EZ Site updates	
8a	Aerohub	
8a.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector 1 – soft targeting for a hotel undertaken, • Sector 2 – fully let, • Sector 3&4 – Piran Composites interest as Seasalt has not entered into a contract, • Sector 5 – Terms agreed, going through approval process, • Sector 6 – interest from energy company, • Sectors 7/8/9/10 – End of exclusivity order for Blue Abyss, who is carrying out preparations, • Sector 11 – sold, • Sector 12 – Negotiations with CIS, • Sector 14 – available as previous lead dropped out. 	
8a.2	There are still plans for subsequent phase 2 and phase 3 of Aerohub, with potential for Seasalt expansion, and CAN expansion for phase 3 Action - It was agreed MV will obtain an update from CAN on their activities.	MV

8b	Goonhilly Earth Station	
8b.1	In preparation for the Virgin Orbit launch, there has been testing of payload technology, as GES will provide some of their services. Training has been undertaken for the spacecraft involved with Mission operations. Testing payloads for the Artimis launch, and work on improving existing GH6 antenna.	
8d.2	The impact of increased energy costs is a major concern and GES is looking at utilising more renewable energy and would like support from CC, and with the State Aid element.	
9	Marine EZ Sites Updates	
9a	Falmouth Docks	
9a.1	A&P continues to be in discussion with Twinhub regarding their port requirements.	
9a.2	The Cruise market is doing really well, and there are several events scheduled including Tall Ships, and National Forces Day. Additional activities include a link with the Isles of Scilly regarding barges, marine bark support and aiming for 4GW of FLOW energy.	
9b	Hayle MRBP	
9b.1	Phase 2 at the business park is due to complete in March 2023; there have interest from local marine businesses, in particular in one of the larger units and two other units.	
9c	Tolvaddon	
9c.1	Zone 1 – Gridserve is arranging Planning permission and have finance in place. Zone 2 – Green laundry has received funding, negotiations with Treveth are underway for the other zones.	
10	Rate Relief and EZ Growth Fund	
10a	Rate Relief Renewals and Rate Relief Approvals	
10a.1	A fully report was circulated with the meeting papers.	
10b	EZ Growth Fund update & applications	

10b.1	Recommendation – For the Board to approve 3 years Growth funding for Programme Management resource for the Enterprise Zones. The request is for £240k over 3 years.	
10b.2	Outcome – the Board approved 3 years of funding for Programme Management.	
10b.3	Discussion – £135k requested to develop reef cubes ⁱ to use in FLOW technology, with ARC Marine Ltd, who will be working in partnership with A&P. A&P representatives left the room at 11:12 whilst this proposal was being discussed. EZ Growth funding would finance a feasibility study to build a facility at Falmouth Docks.	
10b.4	Outcome – A full application to be submitted for approval, subject to their match-funding and State Aid position. MV will be able to advise the applicant on State Aid. <i>A&P returned at 11:21.</i>	
10b.5	Predannack Project withdrawal – The original EZ Growth funding was to establish a small hanger to support an Unmanned Air Systems (UAS) business at Predannack Airfield. One partner, WCL did not secure funding for a new-build hanger. In addition, there are numerous other reasons which are stipulated in the paper.	
11	Performance Data – Department Levelling up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)	
11.1	A report was circulated in the agenda pack for reference.	
12	Any other business	
12.1	The paper on Enterprise Zone Greenhouse Gas Baseline Emission Inventory will be deferred.	
12.2	Recap of actions for MD and SJ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress EoI for Investment Zone bid with Glenn Caplin-Grey, • obtain local MPs' support, • include mineral sector, A&P areas of development, Goonhilly, 	SJ/MD

12.3	<p>Further action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress bid for EZ growth funding for inward investment for the next 2 years. 	
12.4	The meeting concluded at 11:31.	
<p>13 13.1</p>	<p>Date of next EZ Board Meeting: Thursday 8 December 2022, @ 14:00, 2N:03, New County Hall.</p>	

Appendix 1: Action Tracker

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Action Tracker 05/10/2022

Date	Action	Owner	Status			Notes
			Complete	Ongoing	Not Complete	
05/10/22	3.5 – Treveth – Arrange a workshop to scope partnership working	SJ/MD			X	
05/10/22	3.7 – Look at workspace in existing EZs	MV/MD			X	
05/10/22	5.3 EZ Review - MD and SJ to make contact with Glenn to ensure details of the EoI. Also, to ensure formal support from local MPs	SJ/MD			X	
05/10/22	5.6 - Glenn C-G will be contacted by SJ to progress an SPF bid. Jordan Whaley will be contacted regarding match-funding opportunities for SPF. Timing is restricted so this action is immediate.	SJ			X	
05/10/22	7.2 - MV will follow up on the former Arla site at St. Mawgan Airport to explore the possibility of developing co-working spaces.	MV			X	
05/10/22	8a.2 - MV will obtain an update from CAN on their activities.	MV			X	
05/10/22	12.2 – EoI for Investment Zone with Glenn CG	SJ/MD			X	
09/06/22	4.8 – County Deal – Paper with rates growth proposal to County Deal team	JW	X			Overtaken by events
09/06/22	4.9 – County Deal – SJ do similar paper on FLOW. To involve with DJ, Mike King and Glenn to ensure proposal is compliant to County Deal	SJ		X		
09/06/22	4.11 – MV to research iso pods for temporary living and working accommodation. MT has details for 1	MV			X	
09/06/22	11.2 – AOB invite Treveth to the next Board meeting	CC	X			
09/06/22	11.3 AOB SJ and GE to have a conversation around establishing a FLOW academy	SJ/GE		X		

09/06/22	11.4 AOB – Workshop. SJ and DJ to discuss a suitable venue location. SJ will take a concept paper to the main LEP Board	SJ/DJ	X			Paper taken to main LEP Board
17/02/22	4.2 – NL suggest an appropriate meeting rep from tech metal sector for new board forum Update – in progress Uni of Exeter rep invite next meeting	SJ		X		
27/4/21	7.2 Spoil creation at Sector 2 – Blue Abyss pool. Discuss further with Glenn in relation to G7 and prolongation of EZs Due diligence with Govt – proceed with caution. Costs share with Govt / ensure no duplication of process BA has external backing investment which may be useful generally as green energy Visit on 02 November – meet stakeholders and Yonder, investment – may interest GES Exclusivity on land given Update – mtg next wk MV progressing licence for site investigation, minis visit shortly secure final funding part BEIS minister	MV		X		Due diligence taking place, negotiations continue with Blue Abyss regarding funding partners & deliverables
27/4/21	7.2 Blue Abyss spoil to be included within Planning application as condition Secure funding – keep monitoring, Blue Abyss still scoping investment opportunities. Interest has been expressed by Yonder as investor in Blue Abyss which will be kept ‘live’. There may also be opportunities for Yonder to invest in other projects which Glenn and MD will progress.	MV		X		Due diligence taking place

Most recent at top

ⁱ Reef cubes comprising of locally sourced secondary aggregates mixed with low carbon and plastic free marinecrete which is non-toxic