Economy Projects

Ref and Title	Project Manager	Q1, April - June 2022	Q2, July - September 2022
PEC1 - Status Support business growth at the Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone	Mark Fenton	Amber The Council continues to support the work of the EZ Board, providing a strategic direction for the EZ through regular meetings with key stakeholders. In addition the Council supports the work of NPL Ltd in facilitating a Hydrogen Steering Group for the EZ. A draft cabinet report has been prepared to request the release of funding from the Enterprise Zone Business Rates Growth Reserve for the commission of technical studies and update of the masterplan Amber rating as business growth (as measured by NNDR retained) is relatively unchanged at present.	Amber The Council continues to support the work of the EZ Board, providing a strategic direction for the EZ through regular meetings with key stakeholders. In addition the Council supports the work of NPL Ltd in facilitating a Hydrogen Steering Group for the EZ. Release of funding from the Enterprise Zone Business Rates Growth Reserve for the commission of technical studies and update of the masterplan was approved 8 September and a programme for the work is to be agreed in Q3. Amber rating as business growth (as measured by NNDR retained) is not revised during the year.
PEC2 - Status Collaborate with our Lancashire partners to develop joint working arrangements with a focus on economic growth, skills and tackling climate change.	Marianne Hesketh	Green The Corporate Director Communities is part of the Lancashire 2050 strategic plan working group and continues to help support this strategic piece of work going forward. The Chief Executive is going to lead the housing theme, Members will be kept up to date on progress with the Lancashire Strategic Plan.	Green A workshop was held of Lancashire leaders to focus on the Lancashire 2050 plan. Work continues on developing the vision, ambition and eight priority areas - Economic Prosperity, Transport and Infrastructure, Housing, Health and Wellbeing, Environment and Climate, Education and Early Years, Employment and Skills and Communities and Place.
PEC3 - Status Continue to support town centre recovery through the town centre strategy fund and explore investment and sustainable development opportunities for our key town centres	Mark Fenton	Green Garstang: Town Centre Regeneration Framework adopted by Council 1 June. Cleveleys: final draft of the Town Centre Regeneration Framework report to be published for public comment mid July. Future Fleetwood: feedback on the draft Town Centre Regeneration Framework report - sessions with officers have been undertaken and comments from the board are to be confirmed at their July meeting. Development of Investment Plan for UK Shared Prosperity Fund is in progress. Town centre recovery projects, shortlisted from the regeneration frameworks, have been shortlisted for funding.	Green Cleveleys: Town Centre Regeneration Framework adopted by Council 8 September. The High Streets Task Force visited Cleveleys on 26th July to undertake an Unlocking Your Place Potential diagnostic visit. Their recommendations have been received and the scope of further expert advice is to be agreed in November. Fleetwood: report updated and to be reviewed by CMT. UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Investment Plan submitted 1 August which included recovery projects for each town centre. Approval of the plan is anticipated in October.
PEC4 - Status		Green	Green

Explore investment opportunities for our key council assets	CMT	Bourne Hill sale successfully completed in May 2022. Acquisition of Project Neptune has entered into pre-completion stage with preparation of legal documents in readiness for contract exchange and raising a snagging list.	The Resources Portfolio Holder approved the provision of two changing places facilities one within Fleetwood to compliment the beach wheelchair project and the second at Wye Estuary Country Park. Work on the Fleetwood project is due to be completed this year. Project Neptune completed 9 August 2022. The council can now work to secure tenants for the 11 industrial units.
PEC5 - Status		Green	Green
Relaunch our Wyred Up network to proactively support sustainable business recovery following the pandemic and to encourage and support businesses to reduce their carbon footprint	Colm Healy	Survey to ascertain what support local businesses required went live in Q1, reasonable response received. Continuing to forge links with Partner Organisations (e.g. NW Lancs Chamber, Boost, Lancashire etc.). Economic Development Team continuously working on increasing membership, through social media channels etc. Relaunch event (including speakers relating to current Low Carbon Campaign) due to take place during Q2.	First in-person event held at Myerscough College in July. Focus was on how local businesses can reduce their carbon footprint, featuring speakers from Lancaster University, Myerscough College, NPL Estates & Wyre Council. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. Next quarterly campaign to focus on workplace health & wellbeing.