

## Information

**Councillor Name and Role on Outside Body (for example, Observer, Trustee, Director):-**

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**Period this report covers (date)**

up to 10 June 2020

**Name of Outside Body**

Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone Project Team

**How often does the organisation meet?**

Monthly, although meetings were initially suspended during the pandemic

**How often have you attended?**

Majority

**What are the key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council**

Planning - applications come forward periodically which support economic growth

Finance - business support grants have been processed for eligible businesses on the

EZ Marketing - promotion of Fylde as a place to live and do business

**Examples of issues could be those that may affect decisions regarding budget setting, challenges for residents, policy changes that affect partnership working etc**

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**Who did you inform of these issues within Fylde Borough Council?**

Relevant officers

**In the light of these meetings, is it worthwhile for the Council to continue to have a representative/representatives on this body?**

Yes

**Any further comments?**

The planning application in relation to the first phase of development to deliver new sports pitches has been passed, as has the provision of a transatlantic cable into the airport to enable fast data exchange. Airport capacity is operating at about a quarter and the flying schools have been grounded during the pandemic. Fibre Blackpool is an initiative which provides gigabit broadband from Starr Gate to Fleetwood. Fylde has requested that the possibility to extend this southwards into the Fylde area be explored.

A newsletter is produced regularly which may be of interest:

<https://blackpoolcouncil.org/1L8J-6VSPD-87V5J3K842/cr.aspx>