

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING BUSINESS PARK - PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider a report on the progress being made in relation to the Advanced Manufacturing Business Park.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its first meeting, the Committee agreed to include in its work programme an item on the Advanced Manufacturing Business Park (IAMP).
- 2.2 Members requested that this issue be brought to the Committee in view of the significant impact the International Advanced Manufacturing Park will have on the local and regional economy.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 The International Advanced Manufacturing Park is a joint venture between Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils and represents a major economic development project for the region.
- 3.2 The site will be located immediately north of the existing Nissan car manufacturing plant, to the west of the A19 and the south of the A184. It is anticipated that the development will create over 5,200 new jobs; the majority of which will be in the manufacturing sector.
- 3.3 The IAMP is a core component of the City Deal and one of the main investment priorities set by the North East Local Enterprise Partnership in the Strategic Economic Plan. The IAMP should help to create a high quality business environment for the automotive supply chain, advanced manufacturing and knowledge based industries creating high quality jobs in an attractive and sustainable environment.
- 3.4 The IAMP should attract major suppliers linked to the automotive industry and the advanced manufacturing sector and also encourage investment and expansion in existing firms.
- 3.5 Vince Taylor (Head of Strategy and Performance) will be in attendance to provide a presentation on the current position.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 The report will provide members with an overview of the progress being made with the International Advanced Business Park

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the progress being made.

6. Glossary

None

7 Background Papers

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