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1 Introduction

The following paper provides an overview of Enterprise Zones in England, Scotland and Wales. Three questions are addressed:

- How many Enterprise Zones have been introduced and where are they located?
- What incentives are in place to attract business into these zones?
- What has their impact been?

2 England

The introduction of Enterprise Zones (EZ) across England was announced as part of budget 2011. A total of 24 EZs have been in operation across England since 1 April 2012. These are mapped and categorised in Annex 1¹. These zones were nominated by Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). Nomination was based upon *'the economic rationale and potential of the zone'*. The emphasis of the zones is on the creation of additional growth, new businesses, and jobs. As such, the Government favoured *'clean'* sites during the selection process, that is, sites which had *'little or no existing business occupancy'*.

¹ 25 zones are mapped and categorised in Annex 1, this reflects the map produced by the Department of Communities and Local Government. The official literature states that there are 24 zones. Clarification on this has been sought. No clarification has yet been received. Paper will be updated upon receipt (15 February 2013)

In addition to nominating an EZ, LEPs were responsible for establishing its sectoral focus and agreeing the range of incentives to be included.

Annex 1 provides details of the incentives available at each Enterprise Zone. The incentives can be divided into two categories: Enterprise Zone policies; and the geographical/local factors used to promote the zone. The latter category includes factors such as communication and transport links, the local skills base and existing or planned infrastructure.

The former category includes incentives which are common across most zones and one incentive which is used in some zones. These incentives are:

- **Business rates relief:** Businesses moving into EZs will benefit from a business rate discount of up to 100% over a five year period from April 2012. In general where this available, rates relief is available up to £275,000 (£55,000 per annum). However, in Newquay Aerohub, the relief offered is lower at up to £200,000 (£40,000 per annum);
- **Simplified planning:** EZs will operate under '*radically simplified planning approaches*'. Local Development Orders will grant automatic planning permission for specified types of development.
- **Superfast broadband:** The Government will ensure superfast broadband is rolled out throughout the EZs. This will be achieved by '*guaranteeing the most supportive regulatory environment and, if necessary, public funding*'.
- **Enhanced capital allowances:** EZs in Assisted Areas² will offer 100% first year capital allowances for plant and machinery. These allowances are available in 7 EZs³.

Each EZ in England focuses on a range of industry sectors (Annex 1 provides details). The zones do not generally operate as thematic groups (unlike Scotland, see below), as such it is possible for quite unrelated sectors to be grouped together (for example, the Nottingham EZ groups together the healthcare, beauty, information technology, green tech and life sciences sectors). The range of sectors included across all EZ is diverse. These are outlined in the box below.

² Defined as locations where regional aid may be granted under EU legislation. Current map is available [here](#).

³ Tees Valley, Manchester Airport City, Sheffield City Region, Black Country, Royal Docks and the two Humber zone.

EZ Sectors - England	
Advanced engineering	Food processing
Advanced manufacturing	Green technologies
Advanced technologies	Healthcare
Automotive	Information technologies
Beauty	Leisure
Bio-sciences	Life sciences
Bio-technologies	Logistics
Business services	Low-carbon manufacturing
Chemicals	Marine industries
Construction and engineering	Medical technologies
Creative industries	Mixed use
Cryogenics	Pharmaceuticals
Defence	Precision engineering
Digital technologies	Rail
Energy industries	Renewable energy
Engineering and processing	Security
Financial services	Space sciences
	Stem-cell technologies.

2.1 Uptake and evaluation

No evaluation of England's EZs has been published to date. This is likely to be due to the fact that the zones only came into operation at the beginning of the 2012/12 financial year. It is also unclear at present what sort of evaluation will be carried out. For example, there is no indication if this will be done at LEP level or at a broader regional level. The Department for Communities and Local Government have been contacted with regard to what their intended approach to monitoring and evaluation of EZs is. This paper will be updated once that information has been received.

A number of press releases have been issued since the launch of EZs in England which provide an indication of their progress. From these releases it has been possible to establish the following:

- In May 2012 two companies, Omega Plastics and Propipe Limited became the first businesses to move into the Tees Valley EZ. As part of its expansion into the area Omega Plastics aimed to increase its workforce from 29 to 50, whilst Propipe sought to increase its workforce by 20 people⁴;
- At the launch of Newquay Aerohub in July 2012 the EZ announced its first investor, the Classic Aircraft Trust, which planned to bring 30 new jobs to the zone⁵;
- Two aerospace firms – Tbilisi Aerospace Manufacturing and Market-Mats – announced plans to locate in Hereford EZ in July 2012⁶;

⁴ HM Government Enterprise Zones *First Companies move into Tees Valley Enterprise Zone* (3 May 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/first-companies-move-into-tees-valley-enterprise-zone/>

⁵ HM Government Enterprise Zones *Minister launches Cornwall's aerohub at Farnborough* (10 July 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/minister-launches-cornwalls-aerohub-farnborough/>

⁶ Department for Communities and Local Government *Innovative Enterprise Zone brings new investment to local area* Communities Secretary Eric Pickles has praised the innovation and 'can-do' attitude (12 July 2011) <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lift-off-for-jobs-in-herefordshire>

- Also in July 2012, the Board of Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP approved a £125m investment plan in the Birmingham City Centre EZ⁷;
- In August 2012 Air Products announced plans to build the world's largest renewable energy plant in Tees Valley EZ. The plant, which will use energy from waste technology, is expected to create 700 construction and 50 permanent jobs⁸;
- Also in August 2012 planning permission was granted for Enval to develop a demonstration site to exhibit an innovative heat process for recovering materials from used laminated packaging at Alconbury Weald EZ⁹;
- In September 2012 Siemens opened a £30m sustainable hub in the Royal Docks EZ. The company aims to support 230 jobs at the hub and to attract 100,000 jobs per year¹⁰;
- September 2012 also saw the announcement of £25m in funding for Solent EZ. The funding includes £8m from the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership's Growing Places Fund allocation, £1.5m from the Regional Growth Fund and £4.1m from Hampshire County Council. It will be used to *'unlock 22 acres of land for the development of new commercial space, create up to 90 new homes as well as support the development of 25,000 sq ft of new advanced manufacturing business space beside the airfield'*.¹¹
- In October 2012 planning permission was granted for the development of Alconbury Enterprise Campus flagship in the EZ. The planning application was processed in 36 days rather than the typical 13 weeks¹²;
- Also in October 2012 Sci-Tech Daresbury EZ announced strategic partnerships with eight firms/organisations - DWF, Dow Schofield Watts, Giles, Grant Thornton, IBM, Lloyds TSB Commercial, Marks & Clerk and the University of Liverpool.¹³ Later in the month the EZ announced the arrival of five international firms - Synchrogenix and Data Direct Networks from the USA, Pamas, headquartered in Germany, Flow Systems Engineering from China, and Tissue Therapies from Australia¹⁴;

⁷ HM Government Enterprise Zones *Birmingham City Council and Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP pass £125 million plan* (31 July 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/birmingham-city-council-greater-birmingham-solihull-lep-pass-125-million-plan/>

⁸ HM Government Enterprise Zones *Tees Valley to Enterprise Zone set to host the world's largest renewable energy plant* (7 August 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/tees-valley-enterprise-zone-set-host-worlds-largest-renewable-energy-plant/>

⁹ HM Government Enterprise Zones *Alconbury Weald Enterprise Zone secures new jobs* August 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/alconbury-weald-enterprise-zone-submit-planning-application/>

¹⁰ HM Government Enterprise Zones *The Crystal, a hub for dialogue on sustainable urban living and development opens in Royal Docks Enterprise Zone* (24 September 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/crystal-hub-dialogue-sustainable-urban-living-development-opens-royal-docks-enterprise-zone/>

¹¹ HM Government Enterprise Zones *£25m investment will create over a thousand jobs in Gosport area* (27 September 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/25m-investment-create-thousand-jobs-gosport-area/>

¹² HM government Enterprise Zones *Yes to Incubator: Go-ahead for Alconbury Enterprise Campus flagship* (1 October 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/incubator-go-ahead-alconbury-enterprise-campus-flagship/>

¹³ HM Government Enterprise Zones *Sci-Tech Daresbury announces eight Gold Partners* <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/sci-tech-daresbury-announces-gold-partners/> (8 October 2012)

¹⁴ HM Government Enterprise Zones *Sci-Tech Daresbury welcomes five international arrivals* (30 October 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/sci-tech-daresbury-welcomes-international-arrivals/>

- In November 2012 designer of energy efficient light bulbs Durable Technologies Limited announced plans to move into the Tees Valley EZ¹⁵;
- November 2012 also saw planning permission being granted to £100m World Logistics Hubs in Manchester Airport City EZ. The development will create over one million square feet of logistics space including a mix of medium- and small-sized units ranging from approximately 7,500 to 200,000 square feet.¹⁶ In January 2013, planning permission was granted to develop a £650 million business district at the EZ¹⁷;
- In December 2012 Humber Green Port Enterprise Zones announced its first tenant, Cabalscan a firm which manufactures and develops electrical cable assemblies and control panels for aerospace, space, defence and commercial use. The move allowed the company to increase its workforce by ten people¹⁸;
- On the 14 of December 2012 engineering training facilities were opened at Great Yarmouth EZ¹⁹; and,
- In January 2013 Watershed Packaging became the first tenant at Aire Valley Leeds EZ, creating 40 jobs.

3 Scotland

Scotland has adopted a slightly different approach. Four Enterprise Areas (EAs) have been introduced. The EAs were introduced in April 2012 and have a planned five-year timescale. These areas are thematic and are spread across 14 strategic sites. The four EAs are grouped together sites under three strategic themes as follows:

- Life sciences;
- Low carbon/renewables North;
- Low carbon/ renewables East; and,
- General manufacturing/growth sectors.

Figure 5 provides a map of the 14 individual areas colour-coded according to their strategic theme. The 14 areas are divided into thematic/regional grouping as outlined in the box below.

¹⁵ HM Government Enterprise Zones *Lighting company expands into the Tees Valley Enterprise Zone* (26 November 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/lighting-company-expands-tees-valley-enterprise-zone/>

¹⁶ HM Government Enterprise Zones *World Logistics Hub approved for Manchester Airport City Enterprise Zone* (28 November 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/world-logistics-hub-approved-manchester-airport-city-enterprise-zone/>

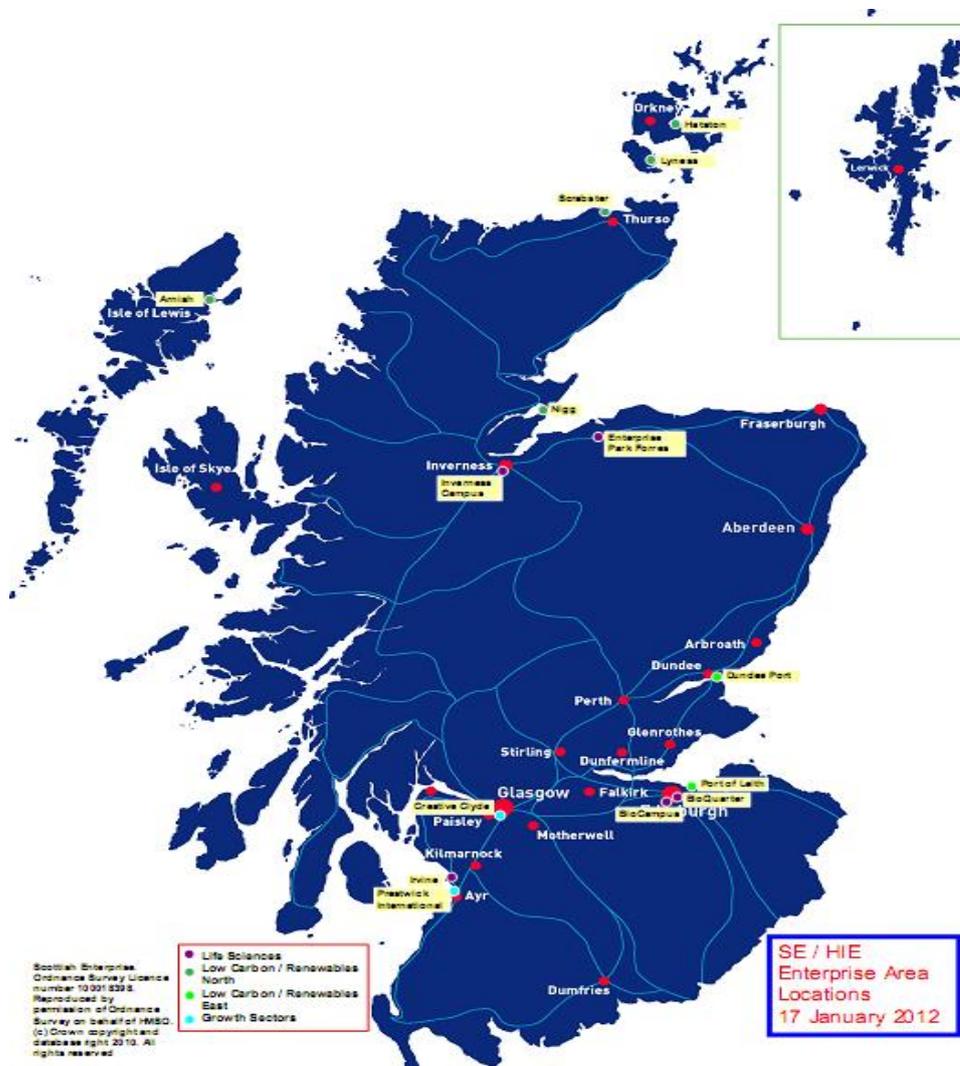
¹⁷ HM Government Enterprise Zones *Boost for Manchester Enterprise Zone as 'Airport City' plan to create 11,400 jobs is granted planning approval* (18 January 2013)

¹⁸ HM Government Enterprise Zones *Humber Green Port Corridor Enterprise Zone agrees first tenant* (6 December 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/humber-green-port-corridor-enterprise-zone-agrees-tenant/>

¹⁹ HM Government Enterprise Zones *Local MP and DCLG Minister, Brandon Lewis opens new engineering training facilities at Great Yarmouth Enterprise Zone* (18 December 2012) <http://enterprisezones.communities.gov.uk/local-mp-dclg-minister-brandon-lewis-mp-opens-engineering-training-facilities-great-yarmouth-enterprise-zone/>

Life Science EA	Low Carbon/Renewables North EA
Irvine (North Ayrshire)	Nigg (Highland)
Forres Enterprise Park (Highland)	Hatston (Orkney)
BioQuarter (Edinburgh)	Scrabster (Highland)
Inverness Campus (Highland)	Arnish (Western Isles)
Biocampus (Midlothian)	Lyness (Orkney)
Low Carbon/Renewables East EA	General Manufacturing/Growth Sectors EA
Dundee Port (Dundee)	Creative Clyde (Glasgow) (creative industries)
Leith Port (Edinburgh)	Prestwick (South Ayrshire) (aerospace)

Figure 1: Map of Scottish Enterprise Areas²⁰



²⁰ The Scottish Government *Enterprise Areas in Scotland Map* (accessed 11 February 2013)
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00396263.pdf>

3.1 Incentives

The incentives offered in Scotland's EAs mirror those in England's EZs.

Each of the 14 individual areas offers one of two financial incentives (with one exception). Twelve sites offer business rates discounts which enable business to claim up to 100% rate relief. This is calculated to equate to a saving of £275,000 per eligible business over five years.²¹ All but two sites offer business rates relief (Nigg and Dundee Port).

The remaining sites offer businesses Enhanced Capital Allowances, which allow business to claim up to 100% of the capital cost of qualifying investment in plant and machinery against the business' taxable profits. The Enhanced Capital Allowance is a tax power reserved to the UK Government. The Scottish Government made a case for allowance to be available at three sites throughout Scotland. The case was made on the basis that in these areas '*the likely scale of business investment in plant and machinery was likely to make the enhanced allowances potentially attractive*'. The areas chosen were:

- Nigg (Highland) (Low Carbon/Renewables North);
- Dundee Port (Dundee) (Low Carbon/Renewable East); and,
- Irvine (N. Ayrshire) (Life Sciences Enterprise Area).²²

The Dundee port site is supported by a site at Claverhouse East, which will also offer Enhanced Capital Allowance. The Claverhouse East site will operate as a satellite location for the manufacturing renewable energy components to support activity at the port.²³

The Irvine site is the only site which will offer both business rate relief and Enhanced Capital Allowances. This is to reflect '*the type of businesses and anticipated scale of investment of the Irvine site*'.²⁴

In addition to the financial incentives offered at the 14 sites, each site offers a package of non-financial incentives, including:

- Streamlined planning: Scottish Enterprise Areas benefit from a non-statutory framework put in place by regional and national government designed to speed up the planning consents in Enterprise Areas. The framework has been set out in a national planning protocol, all decisions remain subject to established planning policy and the existing legislative framework. The protocol has been agreed by local authorities and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), and places

²¹ The Scottish Government *Enterprise Areas Scotland – Business Rates Relief* (accessed 11 February 2013)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Economy/EconomicStrategy/Enterprise-Areas/Incentives/Business-Rates>

²² The Scottish Government *Enterprise Areas Scotland – Enhanced Capital Allowances* (accessed 11 February 2013)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Economy/EconomicStrategy/Enterprise-Areas/Incentives/Capital-Allowances>

²³ *Ibid*

²⁴ *Ibid*

obligations on the Scottish Government, local authorities, and statutory agencies (see Annex 2 for full details).²⁵

- The Scottish Government has made a commitment to deliver next generation broadband to each enterprise area site by 2015. The aim is to deliver speeds of 40-80Mps. Delivery will be led by the private sector, where commercial delivery is not possible the two enterprise agencies will procure the necessary contracts. For the area covered by Scottish Enterprise this process began in September 2012, with a decision expected in the first half of 2013. For the Highlands and Islands Enterprise area procurement set to commence in early 2013.
- The Enterprises Areas will benefit from international marketing through the Scottish Development International's ongoing inward investment marketing activities. Promotion will be take a number of forms:
 - Sales and marketing material;
 - International trade shows; and,
 - Online.²⁶
- Skills support will be provided by Skills Development Scotland (SDS). Specific measures include:
 - The development and implementation of Skills Investment Plans for the Energy and Renewables, Life Sciences and Creative Industries sectors; and
 - Adoption of a strategic joined-up approach in developing bespoke skills plans for new business settlement and growth opportunities.²⁷

3.2 Uptake and evaluation

As with England, Scotland's EA project is at a relatively early stage. To date no impact evaluation has been carried out.²⁸

Plans to monitor the development of the enterprise areas are in operation. Local Enterprise Partnerships are to collect data on the enterprise areas in their locality. The formation of these partnerships is being overseen by the two enterprise agencies. It's intended that where possible existing structures will be used, rather than the creation of new bodies.²⁹

Data will be collected and collated by these partnerships on an annual basis. The data collected is expected to include the number of businesses within an enterprise area; the turnover; the level of exports; the domestic supply; details on any infrastructure project underway; the number of planning applications underway; and a measurement

²⁵ <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Economy/EconomicStrategy/Enterprise-Areas/Incentives/Planning>

²⁶ <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Economy/EconomicStrategy/Enterprise-Areas/Incentives/International-Marketing>

²⁷ <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Economy/EconomicStrategy/Enterprise-Areas/Incentives/Skills>

²⁸ Conversation with representatives of the Scottish Government

²⁹ *Ibid*

of the effectiveness of advertising and marketing. The initial task is to establish baseline data for April 2012 and to measure impact as of April 2013.³⁰

The Scottish Government intends to update its EA webpage with the results of this process. Publication is expected within the next few months. This will, however, only provide highlights of the data monitoring process. A more robust evaluation of the impact of the enterprise areas policy expected within three years (a mid-term evaluation). A further evaluation is expected within six to seven years, following the intended cessation of the policy. One of the motivations behind this longer-term approach to evaluation is to account for and capture the anticipated 'ramp-up' in effect. To clarify, the development of enterprise areas is expected to be somewhat uneven. The Scottish Government has confirmed that presently some are open for businesses, whilst others engaging in infrastructure projects to ensure they are business ready. This means that the overall impact (across Scotland) is unlikely to be immediate.³¹

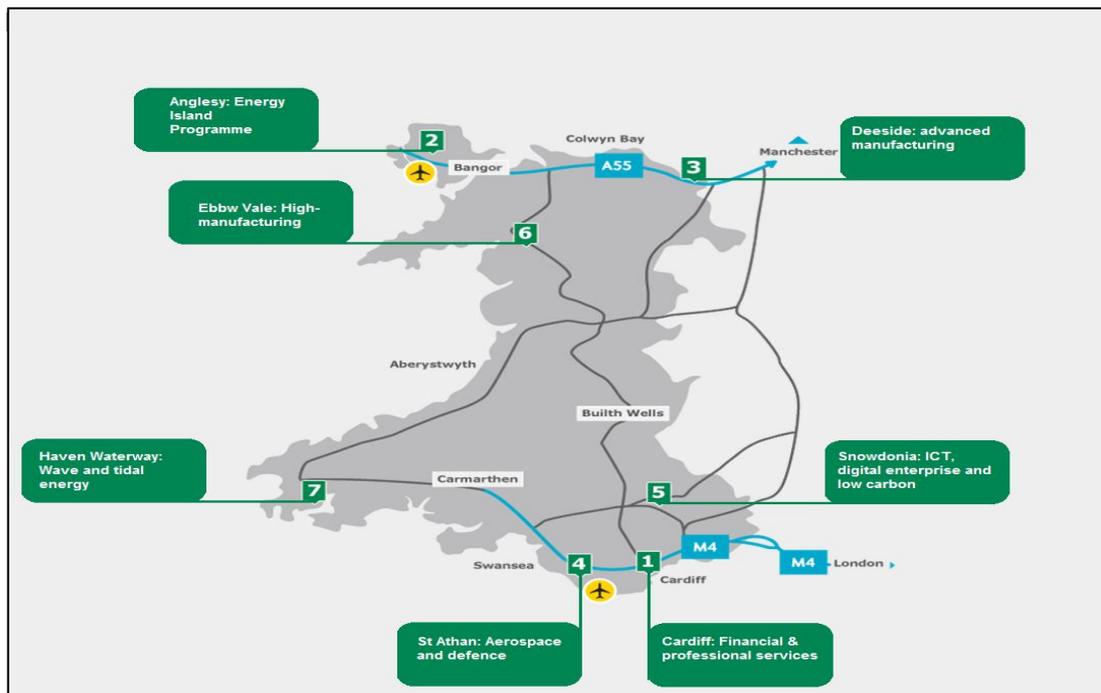
4 Wales

Seven EZs have been confirmed for Wales, these are mapped in Figure 2 and summarised in the box below. The seven zones are grouped by sector and geography.

Wales Enterprise Zones	
Cardiff	Financial & Professional Services
Anglesey	Energy
Deeside	Advanced Manufacturing
St Athan	Aerospace
Ebbw Vale	Advanced Manufacturing
Snowdonia	Energy, Environment & ICT
Haven Waterway	Energy & Environment

³⁰ *Ibid*

³¹ *Ibid*



An Enterprise Zone Business Rate Scheme was launched in January 2013. A total £20m has been secured for the scheme and businesses will be required to apply for rate relief.³² The scheme will be open annually each financial year until 2015/16. For the 2012/13 financial year the call for application was open from 15 January 2013 until 9 February 2013. Business relief is available of up to £55,000 per annum, and will be available for up to three years. The scheme's core objective is to focus on SMEs located within EZs that are demonstrating growth. Applications will be assessed according to two priorities. First priority will be given to start-ups. Second priority will be given to businesses that are creating jobs.³³ Applicants who meet the following criteria may also be considered:

- Enterprises which are engaging in a business activity directly related to the EZ's sectoral priority;
- Enterprise that are increasing productivity underpinned by investment in buildings, plant and/or machinery; or,
- Enterprise that demonstrate ongoing engagement in commercialisation, innovation, or R&D activity.³⁴

Enhanced Capital Allowances have been secured at three sites – Deeside, Ebbw Vale and Haven Waterway.³⁵ Enterprises located within these zones will be able to claim a

³² Enterprise Zones Wales *Business Rate Scheme* (15 January 2013)

http://ms.fs4b.wales.gov.uk/sub_sites/enterprise_zone_wales/content/news/business_rate_scheme.aspx

³³ Enterprise Zones Wales *Business Rate Scheme – information for applicants* (January 2013)

<http://ms.fs4b.wales.gov.uk/PDF/130114%20EZBRS%20Information%20for%20Applicants%20-%20en.pdf>

³⁴ *Ibid*

³⁵ National Assembly for Wales Record of Proceedings *Statement update on Enterprise Zones* (22 January 2013)

http://www.assemblywales.org/docs/rop_xml/130122_plenary_bilingual.xml#54775

100% allowance for the capital cost of investment in plant and equipment made before 31 March 2017.³⁶

The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science has confirmed that the Superfast Cymru programme to roll-out high-speed broadband across Wales will consider the region's economic priorities, including enterprise zones, in its planning. The Minister also confirmed that:

*... good practice guidance on local development Orders [LDOs] will be produced this year [2013], to help planning authorities make innovative use of LDOs. I am in discussions with the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development about what more we can do to encourage local authorities to make effective use of LDOs in enterprise zones.*³⁷

The development of EZ in Wales has been behind progress in the rest of GB. The announcement on Enhance Capital Allowances date from December 2012 and those on business rates and other incentives date from January 2013. As such it is too early to assess the impact of the EZ scheme in the region.

³⁶ Deeside Enterprise Zone *Enhance Capital Allowances* (accessed 14 February 2013)
<http://www.deesideenterprisezone.co.uk/en/capital-allowance>

³⁷ National Assembly for Wales Record of Proceedings *Statement update on Enterprise Zones* (22 January 2013)
http://www.assemblywales.org/docs/rop_xml/130122_plenary_bilingual.xml#54775

Annex 1: Details of Enterprise Zones in England



Key	Name	Sector Focus	Incentives
1	North Eastern	Energy industries, automotive, advanced manufacturing, advanced engineering, green technologies & marine industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief for five years of up to £275,000 over 5 years • Simplified planning system • Superfast broadband • Enhanced Capital Allowances for new plant and machinery up to the £100 million per investment • Newcastle International Airport within 20 miles of each Enterprise Zone site • Four nearby sea ports: Port of Blyth, Port of Tyne, Port of Sunderland and Port of Seaham • Two direct trains an hour to London, Edinburgh and the Midlands • Strategic location to service the offshore energy market • North Eastern Infrastructure Fund • The National Renewable Energy Centre • Industry-led cluster and business networks • One of six Centres for Offshore Wind and Renewable Engineering (CORE) in England • One of the largest 'economic centres' in the north of England
2	Tees Valley	Advance manufacturing, advanced engineering, renewable energy, chemicals, health care & IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 sites offering business rate relief of up to £275,000 over 5 years • 4 sites offering first-year Enhanced Capital Allowances at 100% on qualifying plant and machinery (to a maximum of £100 million) • Simplified planning • Superfast broadband • Wide range of sites available in a cost effective location • Skilled, flexible and affordable workforce • Excellent infrastructure and connectivity • Superb transport links • Established manufacturing and engineering sectors • Growing digital sector
3	Lancashire	Aerospace, advanced engineering & advanced manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief worth up to £275,000 over a 5 year period • Simplified planning process • Superfast broadband • Centrally located in the UK • Substantial undeveloped open space • Secure airfield with a 7,900ft runway from one site

Key	Name	Sector Focus	Incentives
4	Aire Valley Leeds	Health care, low carbon manufacturing, renewable energy, logistics & waste management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief worth up to £275,000 over 5 years • Simplified planning process • Superfast broadband up to 100 MB • Bespoke package of recruitment and business support
5	Humber Renewable Energy Cluster	Renewable energy, green technology & marine industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief • Simplified planning process • Superfast broadband • Enhanced Capital Allowances • Access to the Humber's Regional Growth Fund allocations • Access to skills and experience in related sectors including maritime and engineering • Sites big enough for the assembly of large structures
6	Humber Green Port Corridor	Renewable energy, green technology & marine industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief • Simplified planning process • Superfast broadband • Enhanced Capital Allowances • Access to the Humber's Regional Growth Fund allocations • Access to skills and experience in related sectors including maritime and engineering • Sites big enough for the assembly of large structures
7	Mersey Waters	Business services, leisure & mixed use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced business rates • Simplified planning process • Super-fast broadband
8	Sci-Tech Daresbury	Advanced engineering, advanced manufacturing, advanced technologies, precision engineering and chemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief • Simplified planning • Superfast broadband • Access to a number of facilities within the Science and Technology Facilities Council's Daresbury Laboratory • Access to development • International focal point for expertise in high performance computing and accelerator science • Superfast broadband connection between Daresbury Laboratory to its academic partners on campus and an international network of scientific researchers

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9	Manchester Airport City	Advanced manufacturing, healthcare, bio-tech, logistics & mixed use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief up to £275,000, Research & Development tax credits and enhanced capital allowances • Almost £0.5 billion investment in infrastructure including tram, roads, rail and public realm • Planning framework that will fast-track development • Superfast broadband • Excellent communication and transport links • International air links through the adjacent Manchester Airport • A new high quality business district • Redeveloped World Freight Terminal • A portfolio of business premises and sites for small, medium and large businesses • Ancillary commercial facilities • UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) support for international business enquiries
10	Sheffield City Region	Advanced manufacturing, creative industries, digital technologies, logistics, low-carbon tech & healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief • Simplified planning • Superfast broadband • Enhanced capital allowances • Home to world-leading manufacturing and engineering companies, • Home to the strategic operations of major organisations such as HSBC, B Braun, IKEA and Amazon • Britain's most concentrated and popular higher education destination outside London,
11	Nottingham	Healthcare, beauty, information technology, green tech & life sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief: £275,000 over 5 years • Superfast broadband
12	Black Country	Aerospace, automotive, advanced manufacturing, business services, advanced engineering & green tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Business Rates relief for 5 years • Simplified planning process • Superfast broadband • Enhanced Capital Allowances on selected sites • Investor support service • Links to Black Country University Technical College
13	Birmingham City Centre	Business services, financial services, information technology, creative industries & digital tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief: up to £250,000 over 5 years • Simplified planning process • Dedicated planning resources to support applicants • Superfast broadband • Investment of over £70m to facilitate the delivery of key development sites • Investment of over £40m to improve public transport infrastructure and connections • Business development package worth £3.5m • Investment of £1.5m towards skills and training

Key	Name	Sector Focus	Incentives
14	MIRA Technology Park	Advanced engineering, automotive, aerospace, rail & defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief: up to £275,000 over 5 years • Simplified planning • Superfast broadband
15	Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft	Energy industries, logistics, construction and engineering and marine industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief • Simplified planning - 7 Local Development Orders are already in effect • Super-fast broadband • 1 of 6 national Centres for Offshore Renewable Engineering (COREs) • 2 ports with complementary facilities supporting the offshore energy sector with a supply chain and skilled workforce • The closest deep-water ports to over £50 billion of capital expenditure to be invested in the energy sector over the next 20 years • A dedicated energy-industry trade association, East of England Energy Group (EEEGR), through which to reach supply-chain partners • Political and business community commitment through Norfolk and Suffolk Energy Alliance (NSEA)
16	Alconbury Enterprise Campus	Information technology, bio-tech, pharmaceuticals, advanced manufacturing, creative industries, engineering and processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief • Simplified planning process • Superfast broadband • Incubator unit to support start-up businesses • Access to a team of internationally renowned architects, project managers and contractors • Access to training and support for employees • Green travel planning advice to make use of the low-carbon transport infrastructure
17	Northampton Waterside	Green tech, advanced tech, precision engineering & sustainable construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief • Simplified planning • Superfast broadband • Public-sector investment in infrastructure • Access to the skills and services of the Enterprise Zone team
18	Hereford	Defence, security, advanced engineering, green tech & food processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief • Simplified planning process • Superfast broadband • Local business sponsorship • Help with skills and recruitment

Key	Name	Sector Focus	Incentives
19	Enterprise West Essex @ Harlow	Medical tech, IT & advanced manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief: for new and growing businesses in target sectors • Simplified planning • Superfast broadband • Existing sector strengths and skilled workforce in medical technologies, IT, pharmaceuticals and advanced manufacturing • Within 30 minutes of London and 45 minutes of Cambridge by road • Within 20 minutes of London Stanstead Airport, offering more European destinations than any other airport
20	Science Vale UK	Green tech, advanced engineering, space sciences, medical tech, bio-tech & cryogenics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates discount • Simplified planning rules • Multi-gigabit broadband • One of largest science clusters in the UK • Local skilled sciences workforce
21	Royal Docks	Energy industries, bio sciences, green tech, advanced tech & stem-cell tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief • Simplified planning • Superfast broadband • Enhanced Capital Allowances • One of the best-connected destinations in Europe • Proximity to major business and tourism • Proximity to the Siemens Urban Sustainability Centre • Green Enterprise District status
22	Bristol Temple Quarter	Creative industries, green technologies, food processing & mixed use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief: for up to 5 years for newly locating and expanding businesses • An investor support service built • 300 businesses already operating in the zone • A growing IT sector • Major corporations on doorstep: BT, IBM, Canada Life, HSBC and Osborne Clarke • A thriving creative industries sector • A highly skilled workforce • World-class R&D, Bristol is a designated Science City • The most competitive and productive economy of any large English city outside of London • 'Animating the Zone' • £20.85 million of West of England Local Enterprise Partnership's Regional Investment Fund towards infrastructure • City short-listed for the European Green Capital Award

Key	Name	Sector Focus	Incentives
23	Discovery Park	Life sciences, Pharmaceutical & bio-tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief – up to £275,000 over 5 years • Simplified planning process • Superfast broadband • Access to Expansion East Kent interest-free loans • Research and development tax credits and access to Patent Box benefits from 2013 • Part of the East Coast Pharma hub
24	Solent	advanced manufacturing, green tech, aerospace, marine industry, defence & business services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief: up to £275,000, or £55,000 a year for 5 years • Simplified planning • Super-fast broadband • Premises for small and large businesses • Availability of very large and secure premises • Existing network of high tech companies in the marine, aerospace and defence industries • Access to the airfield for aviation and aerospace businesses • Further airfield upgrade works are scheduled • Site includes a number of important heritage buildings • A range of additional facilities to be developed
25	Newquay Aerohub	Aerospace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates relief: £40,000 a year for 5 years • Simplified planning • Superfast broadband • Extensive funding programmes via European Convergence • Vast amounts of land for bespoke hangar design and build • Access to a 2,700-metre-long runway • Direct access to a maritime environment • Adjacent business park for supply chain • Availability of local adaptable skills • Exceptional Cornish lifestyle

Annex 2: Scottish Enterprise Zones planning obligations placed on government and associated bodies

- All Partners will undertake to:
 - Draft and support a processing (or similar) agreement as a basis for project management of the application processes with an agreed timeline for all stages in the application processes including associated legal and other agreements; and,
 - Include provision for determining planning applications for local developments within two months and major developments within three months.

Councils will undertake to:

- Ensure the alignment of local authority applications process;
- Provide prompt pre-application consultation advice free of charge within two weeks of request. For major developments this will include advice prior to receipt of a pre-application notice;
- Provide a senior officer contact for each Enterprise Area to own the process, as per each authority's Scheme of Delegated Approval for Planning and a lead officer contact in relation to planning for each application. The senior contact will act as a contact point to support resolution of any post consent issues on implementation;
- Co-ordinate a pre-application process to clarify and check information requirements with the developer to ensure efficient validation of applications;
- Agree reasonable and final dates for agency responses and contact with agency lead officials in the event of a deadline not being met;
- Review processing agreement dates with developer within three weeks of verification; and,
- Engage in pre-determination dialogue to agree any necessary conditions with developer.

Government and statutory agencies will:

- Provide a senior officer contact for each Enterprise Area to own the process and a lead officer contact for each application;
- Agree and adhere to reasonable and final dates for agency responses and contact local authority lead officials in the event of deadline not being met; and,
- Support a co-ordinated approach to pre-application consultation and discussion.

Developers/Applicants will:

- Provide supporting data in a timely manner; and,

Consider reasonable requests in drafting legal agreements or developer contributions.