

EXECUTIVE SHAREHOLDER AND TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

*Councillor Caroline Reeves (Chairman)
*Councillor Joss Bigmore (Vice-Chairman)
*Councillor Jan Harwood
*Councillor Tim Anderson

* Present

Action By

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Redpath and Councillor Tim Anderson attended as a substitute.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of information contained in Item 4 below on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the 1972 Act.

4. ARRANGEMENTS TO RUN AND MANAGE ASSETS RELATED TO WOODBRIDGE ROAD SPORTSGROUND CHARITABLE TRUST

The Committee considered a report setting out a new management structure for the Trust with terms and conditions designed to create a financially self-sustaining venue for the community and operated in compliance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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All stakeholders involved in the new structure were in agreement with the proposals. It was now necessary for the Committee to scrutinise arrangements and to indicate its approval. It was also necessary for an application to be submitted to the Charity Commission to obtain an exemption which would permit the Charitable Trustee to award a lease to the Management Company of which it was a shareholder. Without this exemption, the proposals could not be brought into effect.

The Committee were in unanimous agreement of the recommendations in the report and also the ambitions envisaged for the future of the Sportsground as a successful commercial and community venue. Concerns about the impact of Covid-19 affecting those ambitions were acknowledged, as was the case for many other venues.

Having considered the proposals in the report, the Committee

RESOLVED:

- (1) To approve the Trust property management strategy;
- (2) To approve the submission of an application for exemption to the Charity Commission;
- (3) To authorise the Director of Service Delivery, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to take all steps necessary to implement the decision of the Charity Commission.

Reason:

To ensure that the Charity continues to operate in a manner which promotes charitable objectives whilst reducing the financial contribution of the Council.