

FARMS ESTATE (INTERVIEWING) COMMITTEE

23 June 2023

Present:-

Councillors J Yabsley (Chair), J Brook and A Dewhirst
and L Warner (Tenants' representative)

* **89** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **90** **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to, and which was likely to reveal the identity of, tenants and information relating to the financial or business affairs of tenants and the County Council and, in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

* **91** **Farm Re-letting: Dungeons Farm, Cullompton and Markhams Farm, Ide**

(An item taken under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 during which the press and public were excluded, no representations having been received to such consideration under Regulation 5(5) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012).

The Head of Digital Transformation and Business Support reported on the circumstances of these relettings.

The Committee then considered the rent for the holdings and interviewed prospective tenants.

(a) Dungeons Farm, Cullompton

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Brook, **SECONDED** by Councillor Yabsley and

RESOLVED

- (i) that the tenancy of Dungeons Farm, Cullompton be offered to Mr DM on the subject to contract terms and conditions proposed.

- (ii) that the tenant of Perriton Barton Farm, Whimble be required to surrender his tenancy of the holding and the County Council accept the short notice of surrender.
- (iii) that Perriton Barton Farm, Whimble be advertised to let on the open market to new entrants as a starter farm for a term of seven years commencing 25 March 2024 and terminating 25 March 2031, subject to terms being agreed.

(b) Markhams Farm, Ide

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Yabsley, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brook and

RESOLVED

- (i) that the tenancy of Markhams Farm, Ide be offered to Mr OJ on the subject to contract terms and conditions proposed.
- (ii) that the tenant of Middle Yeo Farm, Down St Mary be required to surrender his tenancy of the holding and the County Council accept the short notice of surrender.
- (iii) that Middle Yeo Farm, Down St Mary be advertised to let on the open market to new entrants as a starter farm for a term of seven years commencing 25 March 2024 and terminating 25 March 2031, subject to terms being agreed

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* **DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 3.30 pm