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To: The Chairman and Members of
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FARMS ESTATE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 28th April, 2016

A meeting of the Farms Estate Committee is to be held on the above date at 2.15 pm in the Committee Suite, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD to consider the following matters.

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AGENDA

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)

Minutes of the meetings held on 19 and 22 February 2016, attached.

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

4 Pollinators and Neonicotinoids (Cabinet Minute *13, 13 April 2016) (Pages 9 - 14)

The Cabinet has asked this Committee for its view on a proposed Pollinators Action Plan prior to any final decision being made. Joint report of the Head of Planning Transportation and Environment and Head of Business Strategy and Support (PTE/16/22), attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

5 Revenue Budget 2015/16 (provisional outturn) and 2016/17 Budget (Pages 15 - 18)

Report of the County Treasurer (CT/16/46) on the County Farms Estate Revenue Budget 2015/16 (provisional outturn) monitoring statement and the 2016/17 budget forecast, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

6 Capital Monitoring 2015/16 (provisional outturn) and draft Capital Programme 2016/17 (Pages 19 - 22)

Report of the County Treasurer (CT/16/47) on the County Farms Estate Capital Monitoring 2015/16 (provisional outturn) and draft Capital Programme 2016/17, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

7 Management and Restructuring Issues (Pages 23 - 26)

Report of the Head of Business Strategy and Support (BSS/16/06) on County Farms Estate Management and Restructuring Issues, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): Newton St Cyres and Sandford; Teignbridge South; Thurlestone, Salcombe & Allington

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

8 Actions taken under delegated powers

Report of actions taken by the Leader of the Council or the Head of Business Strategy and Support, in accordance with Part 3 of the County Council's Constitution, in approving:

'(i) that the tenant's surrender of his Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 retirement tenancy of Furze Cottages Farm, Ashreigney, effective at 25 March 2016, be accepted by the landlord, and the tenant be simultaneously re-granted a Farm Business Tenancy of Furze Cottages Farm for a term commencing 25 March 2016 and terminating 29 September 2018, subject to terms being agreed.

(ii) that in due course Furze Cottages Farm, Ashreigney be advertised to let in the open market on a seven and a half year Farm Business Tenancy commencing 29 September 2018 and terminating 25 March 2018, subject to terms being agreed.'

9 Future Meetings

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PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

10 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Recommendation: 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 is 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 outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

11 Holdings and Tenancies etc.

(An item to be considered by the Committee in accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules and Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, no representations having been received to such consideration taking place under Regulation 5(5) thereof)

Report of the Head of Business Strategy and Support (BSS/16/07) on requests for landlord's consent to proposed tenant's improvements, attached GOLD paper.

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Members are also reminded of the need to dispose of such reports carefully and are therefore invited to return them to the Democratic Services Officer at the conclusion of the meeting for disposal.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Membership

Councillors C Chugg (Chairman), G Gribble (Vice-Chair), J Berry, J Brook, A Dewhirst, R Julian and R Rowe

Co-opted Members

C Bellew (Devon Federation of Young Farmers Clubs) and C Latham (Tenants Representative)

Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare any interest they may have in any item to be considered at this meeting, prior to any discussion taking place on that item.

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