

FARMS ESTATE COMMITTEE

14 June 2021

Present:-

Councillors J Yabsley (Chair), J Brook, A Dewhirst, H Gent, L Samuel, C Whitton and L Warner

Co-opted Members

L Warner (Tenants' representative)

Apologies:-

Councillor J Berry

* **1** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2021 be signed as a correct record.

* **2** **Announcements**

The Chair wished to record the Committee's thanks to former Members R Edgell, C Chugg and T Inch for their past contribution to the Committee.

* **3** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **4** **Revenue Monitoring (Final Outturn 2020/21), Revenue Budget 2021/22 and Revenue Monitoring (Month 1) 2021/22**

The Committee received the Report of the County Treasurer (CT/21/50) on the County Farms Estate Revenue Monitoring (Final Outturn) 2020/21, Revenue Budget 2021/22 and Revenue Monitoring (Month 1) 2021/22, noting the target surplus of £464,000 and providing a summary of the annual budget and detailing income and expenditure to date.

* **5** **Capital Monitoring (Final Outturn) 2020/21, Capital Budget 2021/22 and Capital Monitoring (Month 1) 2021/22**

The Committee received the Report of the County Treasurer (CT/21/51) on the County Farms Estate Capital Monitoring (Final Outturn) 2020/21, Capital Budget 2021/22 and Capital Monitoring (Month 1) 2021/22, noting that the approved capital programme for 2021/22 included schemes totalling

£1 million.

There was an underspend of £215,019 in 2020/21 thus the balance of capital available to spend in 2021/22 amounted to £1,215,019 (subject to approval at Cabinet in July 2021).

* **6** **The County Farms Estate - Annual Report 2020/21**

The Committee received the Report of the County Treasurer (CT/21/52) incorporating the 30th Annual Report of the County Farms Estate. The Annual Report 2020/21 covered the Committee's functions, financial performance, Estate management performance, and highlighted notable Estate achievements and events throughout the year.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Members noted that the annual Farmwise event did not take place last year, but it was hoped it would be possible again in 2022.

Members welcomed the Report.

* **7** **Management and Restructuring Issues**

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Digital Transformation and Business Support (BSS/21/06) on County Farms Estate management and restructuring issues.

(a) Land at Combefishacre Farm, Ipplepen

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

RESOLVED that the land at Combefishacre Farm, Ipplepen amounting to 11.18 hectares (27.62 acres) be advertised to let in internal competition between the tenants of Bulleigh Elms Farm, Ipplepen; Lomans Farm, Broadhempston; Fairfield Farm, Denbury; Coppa Dolla Farm, Denbury; Buckridge Farm, Denbury and Cobberton Farm, Dartington on a Farm Business Tenancy for a term of up to five years commencing 25 March 2022, subject to terms being agreed.

(b) Part Middle Winsham Farm, Braunton

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

RESOLVED that the barns and 0.16 acres or thereabouts of land forming NG 9497 be declared permanently surplus to the operational requirements of the Estate and sold on the open market.

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

The Meeting started at 2.15 pm and finished at 2.48 pm