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To: The Chair and Members of the Farms Estate Committee County Hall Topsham Road Exeter Devon EX2 4QD

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FARMS ESTATE COMMITTEE

Monday, 11th September, 2023

A meeting of the Farms Estate Committee is to be held on the above date at 2.15 pm at Daw Room, County Hall to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 <u>Apologies for Absence</u>
- 2 <u>Minutes</u>

Minutes of the meetings held on 15 May and 23 June 2023 (previously circulated).

3 <u>Items Requiring Urgent Attention</u>

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

MATTERS FOR DECISION

4 <u>Revenue Monitoring 2023/24 (month 4)</u> (Pages 1 - 6)

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (DF/23/78) on the County Farms Estate Revenue Monitoring 2023/24 (month 4).

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

5 <u>Capital Monitoring 2023/24 (month 4)</u> (Pages 7 - 10)

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (DF/23/79) on the County Farms Estate Capital Monitoring 2023/24 (month 4).

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

6 <u>The County Farms Estate - Management and Restructuring Issues</u> (Pages 11 - 16)

Report of the Head of Digital Transformation and Business Support (BSS/23/07) on County Farms Estate Management and Restructuring Issues.

Electoral Divisions(s): Crediton; Dawlish; Torrington Rural

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

7 Exclusion of the Press and Public

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MATTERS FOR DECISION

8 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)

a <u>Request for landlords consent for proposed tenants improvements</u> (Pages 17 - 20)

Report of the Head of Digital Transformation and Business Support (BSS/23/08) on request for landlords consent for proposed tenants improvements.

b Monitoring of tenants (Pages 21 - 42)

Report of the Head of Digital Transformation and Business Support (BSS/23/09) on monitoring of tenants on an initial farm business tenancy.

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