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To: The Chair and Members
of the Farms Estate
Committee

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FARMS ESTATE COMMITTEE

Monday, 13th May, 2024

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 to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

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3 Minutes

Minutes of the meetings held on 19 February 2024 and 7 March 2024 (previously circulated).

4 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

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

5 Revenue Monitoring (final Outturn) 2023/24 and 2024/25 (Budget) (Pages 1 - 6)

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (DFP/24/57) on the County Farms Estate Revenue Monitoring (Final Outturn) 2023/24 and 2024/25 (Budget), attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

6 Capital Monitoring (Final Outturn) 2023/24 and Capital (Budget) 2024/25 (Pages 7 - 10)

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (DFP/24/58) on the County Farms Estate Capital Monitoring (Final Outturn) 2023/24 and Capital (Budget) 2024/25, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

7 Annual Report 2023/24 (Pages 11 - 24)

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (DFP/24/59) on the County Farms Estate Annual Report 2023/24, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

MATTERS FOR DECISION

8 Management and Restructuring Issues (Pages 25 - 30)

Report of the Director of Transformation and Business Services on the County Farms Estate Management and Restructuring Issues, attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): Braunton Rural;
Cullompton & Bradninch; Willand & Uffculme*

9 The Agricultural Landlord and Tenant Code of Practice (Pages 31 - 46)

Report of the Director of Transformation and Business Services on the Agricultural Landlord and Tenant Code of Practice, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

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

10 Exclusion of the Press and Public

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MATTERS FOR DECISION

11 Request for Landlord's Consent for proposed Tenants' Improvements (Pages 47-50)

(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 Director of Transformation and Business Services on request for landlords consent for proposed tenants improvements, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): South Molton

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