

## 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 Dewhirst 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