

**Minutes of the meeting of Shareholder Committee held at Conference Room 1 - Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE on Thursday 19 March 2026 at 3.00 pm**

**Shareholder Committee Members Physically Present and voting:** Councillors Jonathan Lester, (Chairperson), Councillor Gandy, Councillor Biggs and Councillor Stoddart

**Shareholder Committee Members in remote attendance**

None

*Shareholder Committee members attending the meeting remotely, e.g. through video conferencing facilities, may not vote on any decisions taken.*

Other members in attendance

Councillors Simmons (online) and Harvey (in person)

Officers in attendance:

Roger Allonby (Service Director Economy and Growth), Hilary Hall (Corporate Director Community Wellbeing), Sean O'Conner (Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), Rachael Sanders, (Director of finance),

Audrey Clements (Chief Executive, Hoople) in attendance for 'Hoople Ltd Update' (item 8 only).

Nicola Twigg, non-executive chair of Hoople, in attendance for 'Hoople Ltd Update' (item 8 only).

Donna Thornton and Samantha Gregory (Clerk).

**31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from: none

Apologies were received from non-committee members: none

Apologies were received from officers: Paul Walker

**32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**33. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

**34. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None were received.

**35. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None were received.

For the following four items on the agenda, the Chair proposed a vote that the meeting moved into a private session. This being due to the reports containing information relating to information relating to any individual (pursuant to paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972) and the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) pursuant to paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**It was resolved that:**

- a) **under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act paragraphs 1 and 3, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information**

The next meeting was confirmed to take place on 2 July 2026.

**36. CYBER QUARTER LIMITED UPDATE**

**It was resolved that:**

- a. **Under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

**37. CYBER QUARTER LTD – PROPERTY PROPOSAL**

**It was resolved that:**

- a. **Under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

**38. HOOPLE LTD UPDATE**

**It was resolved that:**

- a. **Under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

**39. HOOPLE LTD PROPERTY & FINANCE PROPOSAL**

**It was resolved that:**

- a. **Under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

The meeting ended at 15:05

Chairperson

