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Minutes of the meeting of Shareholder Committee held at Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE on 14 October, 2024 at 10am

Shareholder Committee Members Physically Present and voting:

Councillors Jonathan Lester, Leader of the Council; Carole Gandy and Pete Stoddart

Shareholder Committee Members in remote attendance

Graham Biggs

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

Group leaders / representatives in attendance

Cllr Clare Davies (Group Leader for True Independents attending remotely)

Liz Harvey (Group Leader for Independents for Herefordshire attending in person)

Diana Toynbee (Group Leader for Green Party attending remotely)

Officers in attendance:

Ross Cook (Corporate Director Economy and Environment); Sean O'Conner (Head of Legal Services); Rachael Sanders, (Director of finance); Tracey Sampson, Audrey Clements (Chief Executive, Hoople); Samantha Gregory (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Hilary Hall

Apologies were also received from non-committee members David Hitchner (Chair of Audit and Governance).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. Questions from members of the Public

None were received

5. Questions from councillors

None were received

For the following two 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 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), paragraph 3 of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

6. Hoople Ltd October 2024 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.**

7. Cyber Quarter Limited update October 2024

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.**

Before closing the public meeting, the Chair noted that the next scheduled Shareholder Committee meeting will be on 24 February 2025 at 2pm.

The public meeting ended at 10:05am