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***PUBLIC* - Minutes of the meeting of Shareholder Committee held at Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE on 10 December at 3:30pm**

**Shareholder Committee Members Physically Present and voting:** Councillors Jonathan Lester, Councillor Gandy and Councillor Swinglehurst (attending as substitute for 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 / representatives in attendance** Cllr Stef Simmons (Acting Group Leader for Green Party), online  
Cllr David Hitchiner (Chair of Audit and Governance and substitute for Cllr 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 item only.  
Donna Thornton and Samantha Gregory (Clerk).

**23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from: Councillor Biggs and Councillor Stoddart,

Apologies were received from non-committee members: Councillor Harvey

Apologies were received from officers: Paul Walker

**24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**25. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.**

**26. How to submit questions**

None were received.

**27. Questions from members of the Public**

None were received.

**28. Questions from councillors**

None were received.

For the following three 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 19 March 2026.

**29. Appointment of Directors to Hoople Ltd and Cyber Quarter Ltd**

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.**

**30. 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.**

### **31. 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.**

The public meeting ended at 15:40

**Chairperson**

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