

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Executive Shareholder Committee** held in the Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY on Tuesday, 11 March 2025 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor P Peacock (Chair)

Councillor R Cozens, Councillor L Brazier, Councillor S Crosby,  
Councillor S Forde, Councillor P Taylor, Councillor C Penny and  
Councillor J Kellas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor N Allen, Councillor S Haynes and Councillor P Rainbow

17 NOTIFICATION TO THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED AND STREAMED ONLINE

The Leader and Chair advised that the proceedings were being audio recorded and live streamed by the Council.

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor S. Forde declared an interest in Item 5- Active4Today Performance Quarter 3 as he was a Director of Actie4Today.

The Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer declared an interest in Items 6 and 8 as he was a Director of Arkwood Developments Ltd.

19 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2024

The minutes from the meeting held on 3 December 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

20 ACTIVE4TODAY PERFORMANCE QUARTER 3

The Health Improvement and Community Relations Manager was in attendance to present a report detailing the performance of Active4Today for the period 1 April – January 2025.

Members heard that the Company was performing well with growth at Newark and Blidworth Sites offsetting losses at Southwell and Dukeries sites. Overall membership had risen to 12,001. Costs were lower than anticipated for the period and the Active Reserve had risen from £590,188 to £640,188. Latest forecasting set the subsidy per user at 7pence. Members noted details of the activities undertaken during the reporting period and the draft Business Plan for 2025/26 which had been approved by the Active4Today Board on 15 January 2025. The Business Plan set the management fee at £109,390 for 2025/26.

The Committee welcomed the report and the positive financial position.

AGREED (unanimously) That the Executive Shareholder Committee note the performance of Active4Today up to period 10, 2024-25 and approve the Business Plan 2025 - 2026 as detailed in Appendix 4.

Reasons for Decision:

To ensure that the shareholder has assurance and oversight of the company's performance ensuring that the company continues to deliver the outcomes required by the Council as aligned to the Councils Community Plan.

Options considered:

Not applicable

21 ARKWOOD DEVELOPMENTS PERFORMANCE QUARTER 3

The Managing Director- Arkwood was in attendance to present the performance report for quarter 3 2024/25 and a presentation updating Members on recent progress with developments and an update on the pipeline. Members noted the report.

AGREED (unanimously)

That Members note the Arkwood Performance Report (attached as the Appendix to the report) and consider company's performance against its targets and objectives highlighting any areas of high performance and identifying areas for improvement.

Reasons for Decision:

To ensure appropriate review of the Performance of the Councils wholly owned Housing Development Company (Arkwood).

Options considered:

Not applicable

22 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Agreed that under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

23 ARKWOOD DEVELOPMENTS BUSINESS PLAN

The Executive Shareholder Committee considered the exempt report in relation to the Arkwood Developments Business Plan for 2025-2030.

(Summary provided in accordance with Section 100C(2) of the Local Government Act 1972).

Meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

Chair