

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, 12 September 2023 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor P Peacock (Chairman)

Councillor R Cozens, Councillor L Brazier, Councillor S Crosby,
Councillor K Melton, Councillor E Oldham, Councillor M Spoons,
Councillor P Taylor and Councillor R Holloway

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

8 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2023

The minutes from the meeting held on 27 June 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9 ACTIVE 4 TODAY PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Business Manager- Regeneration and Housing Strategy, which presented the performance of Active 4 Today for the period to July 2023, Period 4.

The Company's performance with regards membership and usage, remained relatively stable and after a slight drop in memberships in April and May, had built back up to 11,729 total memberships across all sites.

Two of three planned internal audits had been completed by Wright Vigar covering direct debit membership and card and online income. Both audits resulted in positive audit findings. A third internal audit would commence in September 2023 on VAT processes and returns.

The overall cost of utilities for the four leisure centres was over £960,000 per annum. As a result of the increases in utilities, there was also an indirect cost associated with irrecoverable VAT which would be higher than forecasted, estimated at an increase of approximately £25,000.

In discussion, Members considered the pension contributions made by Active4Today, discounts available for concessions, and work undertaken to increase the sustainability of the leisure centre buildings.

AGREED (unanimously) that Cabinet noted the performance of Active4Today to period four.

10 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.

11 ARKWOOD DEVELOPMENTS BUSINESS PLAN AND PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Transformation & Service Improvement Manager which presented that Arkwood quarter one performance and Business Plan for approval.

AGREED (with 6 for, and 3 abstentions) that Cabinet:

- a) review the Q1 performance of Arkwood developments at Appendix 1;
and
- b) approve the company's Business Plan at Appendix 2

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Chairman