

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, 10 September 2024 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor P Peacock (Chairman)

Councillor R Cozens, Councillor L Brazier, Councillor S Crosby,
Councillor E Oldham, Councillor C Penny, Councillor P Taylor and
Councillor R Holloway

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor P Rainbow

6 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.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor Claire Penny declared an Other Registrable interest as a member of Arkwood Board.

8 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23 JULY 2024

The minutes from the meeting held on 23 July 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9 ACTIVE4TODAY PERFORMANCE OUTTURN 2023/24

The Business Manager Regeneration & Housing Strategy, was in attendance to present the performance report for Active4Today for the period 1 April – 31 July 2024. The report also summarised income and expenditure, usage performance and compliance.

The Cabinet welcomed the report and the positive financial position in relation to the management fee, which was reduced as a result of reduced utilities costs. In response to a query, the Managing Director- Active4Today explained that there were a number of roles within Active4Today that would often be undertaken by students and as such turnover would tend to correspond to the academic calendar.

Members considered digital poverty and the impact on residents who, as a consequence, may not be able to sign up for or access leisure facilities or offers on line. The Business Manager - Regeneration & Housing Strategy, explained that support either on the phone or in person, would always be provided to anyone who needed assistance or help to access services online and no-one would be excluded due to

digital poverty.

AGREED (unanimously) that the Executive Shareholder Committee note the performance of Active4Today up to period 04 2024-25.

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

None

10 ARKWOOD DEVELOPMENTS PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 1 2024/25

The Managing Director – Arkwood Developments, was in attendance to present the performance report for Arkwood Developments for quarter 4 2023/24 and a presentation for Members. The presentation detailed: completion of the Avenues development on Lord Hawke Way/Bowbridge Road site and an award for the development from the Newark Civic Trust; progress on site at Manea in Cambridgeshire; pipeline progress and land acquisition; and housing design for the Manea site.

Members welcomed the presentation and were pleased to see work to develop the pipeline of sites. Members noted that it was anticipated that the planning application for Lowfield Lane would be considered by the Planning Committee in October or November.

AGREED (unanimously) that the Executive Shareholder Committee note the Arkwood Performance Report (attached as the **Appendix**) and consider the Company's performance for Quarter 1 2024/25.

Reasons for Decision

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

Options Considered

None

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Chair