

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, 9 September 2025 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor P Peacock (Chair)

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor N Allen, Councillor I Brown and Councillor P Rainbow

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor L Brazier

31 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.

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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

The Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer declared an interest in Item 6- Performance of Arkwood- Quarter 2 2025/26 as he was a Director of Arkwood Developments Ltd.

33 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2025

The minutes from the meeting held on 8 July 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

34 ACTIVE4TODAY PERFORMANCE REPORT - FOR 2025/26 - 31 JULY 2025

The Business Manager- Regeneration and Housing Strategy was in attendance to present the performance report for the period 1 April- 21 July 2025. Members heard that performance remained strong, and that the Company had reached an agreement to act as interim operator of Southwell Leisure Centre until March 2026.

The Managing Director- Active4Today and the Director of Business and Finance- Active4Today were in attendance to deliver a presentation to Members covering various projects undertaken in the community, sports development work, exercise referrals, corporate members and volunteering opportunities.

Members considered the report and presentation. Members asked about the support

from Active4Today at the inception of projects, such as Footy Fun Hawtonville. The Director- Business and Finance explained that with any projects, it was important to have partners working together from the beginning to take ownership moving forward, however, support for partners was always available and accessible through collaborative working.

AGREED (unanimously) That the Executive Shareholder Committee note the performance of Active4Today for the financial year 1st April 2025 – 31st July 2025.

35 PERFORMANCE OF ARKWOOD - QUARTER 1 2025/26

The Non-Executive Director and the Managing Director- Arkwood Developments were in attendance to present the performance information for Quarter 1. In addition, Members heard updates on progress at sites including Cambridge, Wirksworth and Long Bennington. Members noted that sales nationally were slower and people were now choosing to wait until they could view showhomes, rather than purchase 'off-plan'. This had meant slower sales however there was still demand for properties. The willingness of Arkwood to build different types of housing, including smaller houses and bungalows was positive and enabled it to respond to market demand.

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

Meeting closed at 6.43 pm.

Chair