

SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE FOR DORSET INNOVATION PARK LTD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2025

Present: Cllrs Nick Ireland (Chair), Richard Biggs (Vice-Chair), Shane Bartlett, Simon Clifford and Clare Sutton

Also present: Cllr Laura Beddow, Cllr Les Fry, Cllr Simon Gibson, Cllr Andrew Parry and Cllr Jane Somper

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Jan Britton (Executive Director for Places Services), Jen Cook (Lawyer - Contracts and Commercial), Lindsey Watson (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and Nick Webster (Head of Growth and Regeneration)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Chair and Vice-chair of the committee

In accordance with the terms of reference for the shareholder committee, the Leader announced that he would be the Chair of the committee and that R Biggs would be the Vice-chair.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Exempt Business

It was proposed by S Clifford seconded by R Biggs

Decision

That the press and the public be excluded for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 1 of Schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Reason for taking the item in private

Paragraph 1 – Information relating to any individual.

5. **Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Recruitment of Chair and Managing Director**

The shareholder committee received a report of the Head of Growth and Regeneration, which provided an overview of the recruitment process and appointment for the positions of Chair, Managing Director and Non-Executive Directors of Dorset Innovation Park Ltd.

It was proposed by S Clifford seconded by R Biggs

Decision

1. That the process undertaken by the Council for the recruitment of the posts of Chair and Managing Director within the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd company Board be noted and that the selection by the appointment panel of David Andre Happy for the position of Chair of the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd company Board be endorsed
2. That delegation be given to the Cabinet Member Property & Assets and Economic Growth in consultation with members of the interview panel for the Managing Director roles, to confirm the appointment of the person as reported to the meeting, to the position of Managing Director of the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd

It was proposed by S Clifford seconded by N Ireland

Decision

1. That delegation be given to the Cabinet Member Property & Assets and Economic Growth, in consultation with members of the interview panel for the Non-Executive Director roles, to confirm appointments to the Non-Executive Director positions.

Duration of meeting: 6.00 - 6.07 pm

Chair

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