#### LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 30 JULY 2015

Members Present: Derrick Ashley (Vice Chairman) Heather Johnson

John Bevan Valerie Metcalfe Chris Kennedy Alan Searing

Apologies Received From: Ricki Gadsby, Paul Osborn

In Attendance: David Andrews, Graham McAndrew, Gordon Nicholson, Mary Sartin

Officers Present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive

Beryl Foster - Director of Corporate Services
Simon Sheldon - Director of Finance & Resources
Stephen Roberts - Head of Property Services

Nick Powell - Property Surveyor

Lindsey Johnson - Committee & Members' Services Officer

Also Present: Kuvlinder Sihota, Brian Daley, Nigel Foxall – Lee Valley Leisure Trust

Part I

#### 648 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	Prejudicial √
John Bevan Gordon Nicholson Mary Sartin	7 5 10	Trustee for the Lee Valley Leisure Trust Member of Broxbourne Borough Council Land falls under her ward at Epping Forest District Council	Non-Pecuniary Non-Pecuniary Non-Pecuniary

#### 649 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

#### THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2015 be approved and signed.

#### 650 PUBLIC SPEAKING

No requests from the public to speak or present petitions had been received for this meeting.

#### 651 REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 PERFORMANCE MONITORING Paper E/411/15

The report was introduced by Simon Sheldon, Director of Finance & Resources.

The VAT benefits would become known over the next two quarterly figures submitted by the Trust.

A budget of 18.4% was set as the employer rate for all employees of both the Trust and the Authority, with all past liabilities remaining with the Authority.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES 30 JULY 2015

The Authority would consider the Planning Officer vacancy once the Park Development Framework proposals were completed.

The Authority is still waiting to hear about the rating appeal, particularly at the Lee Valley White Water Centre. A decision should be made by the end of the year.

The cost of milk production at Holyfield Farm is in the top quartile for the UK, although, with the decrease in milk prices it is still making a marginal loss. However this loss is off-set against other contributions the farm makes such as the educational offer, biodiversity and management across the farms.

- (1) the increase to the management fee for approved adjustments as set out in paragraph 17 of Paper E/411/15 was approved; and
- (2) the report was noted.
- 652 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16

Paper E/412/15

The report was introduced by Simon Sheldon, Director of Finance & Resources.

- (1) the report was noted.
- 653 LEISURE SERVICES CONTRACT MONITORING REPORT Q1 2015

Paper E/414/15

The report was introduced by Simon Sheldon, Director of Finance & Resources.

Kulvinder Sihota, Managing Director of the Lee Valley Leisure Trust informed Members that the Trust was working on increasing usage and income. They had a 'Family Fun Day' at the Lee Valley White Water Centre which saw 3000 visitors; they are hoping to replicate this event at other venues. The Trust is also looking at increasing income with food and beverage.

Members were informed that between 8-10% of visitors were national (outside of London, Hertfordshire and Essex) with 1-2% international.

(1) the report was noted.

Kulvinder Sihota, Brian Daley and Nigel Foxall left the meeting.

Heather Johnson arrived.

#### 654 **EXEMPT ITEMS**

THAT based on the principles of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information again on the principles as defined in those sections of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated:

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES** 30 JULY 2015

		Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Section Number		
	10	Proposed Disposal of Land at the Rear of Hirondell and Update on Land at the Rear of Fir Tree Lodge, Dobbs Weir Road, Nazeing	3			
655	PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT THE REAR OF HIRONDELL AND UPDATE ON LAND AT THE REAR OF FIR TREE LODGE, DOBBS WEIR ROAD, NAZEING					
	The report was introduced by Beryl Foster, Director of Corporate Services.					
	Members were informed that the Authority would have to meet its own legal costs and that part of the sale would involve a covenant restricting the use of the land as a garden.					
	(1)	the provisionally agreed terms of disposal of the land at the rear of Hirondell, Dobbs Weir Road;				
	(2)	an application be submitted to the Secretary of State for consent to disposal; and subject to that consent the signing and sealing of all necess legal documentation was approved; and				
	(3)	the facts set out in relation to paragraphs 3 and 4 of Paper E/413/15 in relation to Fir Tree Lodge was noted.				
				Chairman		

The meeting started at 10.30am and ended at 10.54am.

Date