Present:

Councillor Taylor (in the Chair)

Councillors

Mrs Scott Williams

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Support Manager Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance Steve Thompson, Director of Resources

Kate Shane, Regional Director – Merlin Entertainments Blackpool Kenny Mew, Operations Director, Merlin Entertainments

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Shareholder Committee agreed that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 2 'Minutes of the last meeting held on 13 July 2023' (restricted minutes only) and Item 3 'Merlin Entertainments Blackpool Update' on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2023

(The press and public were excluded from the consideration of the restricted minute part of this item as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

The Committee considered the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 July 2023, noting that there was a public and restricted version.

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting as a true and correct record.

4 MERLIN ENTERTAINMENTS BLACKPOOL UPDATE

The Shareholder Committee received an update on the work of Merlin Entertainments Blackpool. Ms Kate Shane, Regional Director, Merlin Entertainments Limited presented the updated accompanied by Mr Kenny Mew, Operations Director. The update included details of the Merlin Blackpool Vision and Performance, Financial Performance, Evolution of Product to date, Health, Safety and Security, Guest Feedback, Marketing, Staff, Product in general, Community Engagement, Resort Engagement and the timeline for future growth.

The Committee noted the update provided.

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of next meeting as the 21 September 2023.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 4.10 pm)

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