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To: Councillors Clapham, Taylor and L Williams

The above members are requested to attend the:

Special meeting of the
SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE

Monday, 20 February 2023 at 9.30 am
in Conference Room 3E, Bickerstaffe House

A G E N D A

ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Head of Democratic Governance has marked with an asterisk (*) those items where the Committee may need to consider whether the public should be excluded from the meeting as the items are likely to disclose exempt information.

The nature of the exempt information is shown in brackets after the item.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

(1) the type of interest concerned either a

- (a) personal interest
- (b) prejudicial interest
- (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

and

(2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 * MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2023

(Pages 1 - 8)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 3 February 2023 as a true and correct record.

(This item contains commercially sensitive information which is exempt from publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

3 * BLACKPOOL OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED UPDATE

(Pages 9 - 28)

To update the Shareholder Committee on the work of Blackpool Operating Company Limited including financial performance.

(This item contains commercially sensitive information which is exempt from publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

4 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

To note the date and time of the next meeting as Friday 10 March 2023, commencing at 10am.

Venue information:

Third floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager, Tel: 01253 477213, e-mail sharon.davis@blackpool.gov.uk

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Present:

Councillor Taylor (in the Chair)

Councillors

Clapham (Co-optee) L Williams

In Attendance:

Mr John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services

Mr Steve Thompson, Director of Resources

Mrs Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager

Mrs Lorraine Hurst, Company Secretary

Mr John Hawkin, Managing Director, Blackpool Waste Services Limited (BWS) (Items 7 - 9 only)

Mr Paul Whitehead, Finance Director, BWS (Items 7 - 9 only)

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND 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 3 'Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 January 2023' (restricted minutes only), Item 4 'Shareholder Committee Action Tracker', Item 5 'Shareholder Committee Update', Item 6 'Wholly-Owned Company Financial Performance as at Month 9 2022/23', Item 7 'Blackpool Waste Services Limited Key Performance Indicators', Item 8 'Blackpool Waste Services Limited Financial Performance and Forecast Outturn' and Item 9 'Blackpool Waste Services Limited Business Plan' 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 20 JANUARY 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 20 January 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 SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER

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

The Committee considered its action tracker and noted that the Wholly-Owned Companies had been requested to consider the application of the Council's policies in relation to Community Engagement and Modern Slavery. It was noted that Companies would be expected to provide an update on the implementation of these policies in approximately 12 months.

5 SHAREHOLDER UPDATE

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

Mr John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services and Mr Steve Thompson, Director of Resources were invited to provide an update on the Council Wholly-Owned Companies on behalf of the Shareholder.

The Committee noted the updates provided.

6 WHOLLY-OWNED COMPANY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS AT MONTH 9 2022/23

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

Mr Steve Thompson, Director of Resources provided an overview of the financial performance of the Council's Wholly-Owned Companies as at Month 9 2022/2023.

The Committee noted the update provided.

7 BLACKPOOL WASTE SERVICES LIMITED KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Mr John Hawkin, Managing Director, Blackpool Waste Services Limited and Mr Paul Whitehead, Director of Finance, Blackpool Waste Services Limited joined the meeting from this item.

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

Mr Paul Whitehead, Finance Director, Blackpool Waste Services Limited presented the key performance indicator data to the Committee and highlighted the areas where targets had not been met. He noted that recycling collection of paper and card was not currently meeting target, however, he expected improvements before the end of the year due to seasonal changes in levels of recycling. He added that the Company had set a challenging target in this area and that performance overall was similar to the previous year.

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He also highlighted the high level of fuel costs, a reduction in customer complaints and a reduction in levels of fly-tipping since the previous meeting with the Committee.

In response to a question, it was noted that some residents were dissatisfied with using a bag for recycling rather than a bin and that the Company was considering the feasibility of providing bins. In relation to food recycling it was noted that a trial in Lancaster had started with 85% take-up which had reduced to 50% over time. This was in line with typical take-up elsewhere. The issue of collection of food waste in Blackpool required further exploration.

The Committee noted the update provided.

8 BLACKPOOL WASTE SERVICES LIMITED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND FORECAST OUTTURN

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

Mr Paul Whitehead, Finance Director, Blackpool Waste Services Limited (BWS) presented the report to advise on the Company's financial performance and forecast outturn.

The Committee agreed to note the update.

9 # BLACKPOOL WASTE SERVICES LIMITED BUSINESS PLAN

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

Mr John Hawkin, Managing Director, Blackpool Waste Services Limited presented the Company's Business Plan to the Committee advising that it had been developed aligned to the Council Plan with the aim of delivering a high quality, responsible environmental service.

Shareholder Committee decision:

To endorse the Business Plan of Blackpool Waste Services Limited.

Reason for decision:

Within the recommendations of the governance review of the wholly-owned companies it was agreed that the Shareholder Committee should receive and consider the Business Plan of each Company.

Other options considered:

The Committee could have not endorsed the Business Plan, however, it was considered that the Business Plan was fit for purpose.

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Date of decision:

3 February 2023.

10 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as Monday, 20 February 2023 commencing at 9.30am.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 10.40 am)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:

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Items marked with a # are subject to call in.

Report to:	SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE
Relevant Company Representative:	Kate Shane, Regional Director – Merlin Entertainments Blackpool
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Ivan Taylor, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Partnerships and Performance
Date of Meeting:	20 February 2023

BLACKPOOL OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To update the Shareholder Committee on the work of Blackpool Operating Company Limited including financial performance.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the presentation and the current data.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To monitor performance of the wholly owned companies and their contribution to the Council's strategic priorities.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

6.0 Background information

6.1 A presentation (exempt from publication) can be found at Appendix 3(a) which Kate Shane, Regional Director, Merlin Entertainments Limited will be in attendance at the meeting to present to the Committee.

6.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes

The appendix to this covering report contains commercially sensitive information which is exempt from publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 3(a): Presentation (exempt from publication).

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 See presentation (exempt from publication).

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 See presentation (exempt from publication).

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None

- 15.0 Key decision information:
- 15.1 Is this a key decision? No
- 15.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: N/A
- 15.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A
- 15.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency: N/A
- 16.0 Call-in information:**
- 16.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No
- 16.2 If **yes**, please give reason:
N/A

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