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Welcome to Yorkshire Board Meeting – Friday 31st July 2020 at 3pm Zoom Meeting

WTY Board Meeting

Present:

Jas Athwal DL (JA) – Deputy Chair
Dan Bates (DB)
Peter Box CBE (PB) – Chair
Nicky Chance-Thompson (NCT)
Richard Flint (RF)
Ros Jones (RJ)
Carl Les (CL)
James Mason (JM)- Chief Executive
Abbie Ollive (AO)
Sarah Tahamtani (ST)

Apologies:

Jacqui Gedman (JG) – Observer to the Board

In Attendance:

Tina Cooper (TC)
Andrew Galvin (AG)

1. Welcome and Apologies.

PB welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from JG.

2. Declarations of Interest

With regards to the WTY loan CL declared he is the Leader of NYCC and a member of the North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool Committee.

3. Minutes from last meeting and matters arising

Minutes were proposed as a true record of the Board meeting on the 23 April 2020.

4. Chair's Update

PB informed the Board that this meeting would focus on item 7 - Finance and that those discussions would be held in private for reasons of confidentiality and commercial sensitivity. Board members received a pack containing financial information in advance of this meeting.

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Standing items and reports

5. Chief Executive update

The Board noted a report from the Chief Executive.

6. Governance

Item deferred to next meeting

7. Finance – Confidential Item

The Board discussed in detail the report on the current financial situation and Business Plan and separate reports relating to the Welcome to Yorkshire Pension Scheme and property.

Decision: The Board agreed to take advice relating to Directors duties.

Action: Advice and clarification on Directors duties to be provided in advance of the Board meeting in September.

Decision: The Board requested a report on the current Welcome to Yorkshire Pension Scheme.

Action: A report on the pension scheme to be an agenda item at the Board meeting in September.

Decision: The Board agreed to review the Business Plan and performance at every board meeting and that any high risks high risks are reported outside the board calendar.

Action: Business Plan and Performance to be included as standing agenda items at future Board meetings

Decision: The Board agreed to monitor and review the progress the Company is making to pivot away from a publicly funded model to a privately funded model

Action: Discussions with local authorities about a future funding model and changes to subscriptions are prioritised

Decision: The Board agreed to the recruitment of key posts to support the delivery of the new revenue streams.

Action: Posts to be advertised and recruited to as soon as possible

8. Health and safety

The Board noted a staff update report from the chief executive.

9. AOB

10. Date of next meeting – Thursday 17th September 2020