

YORKSHIRE PURCHASING ORGANISATION EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

12TH MARCH 2021

Present: The Chair: Councillor Shaw (Wakefield)
Councillors: Walker (Wigan), Walsh (Knowsley), Mackenzie (North Yorkshire), Atkin (Rotherham), Bond (St Helens), Cox (Bolton), Daubeney (York).

16:	CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION & WELCOME
	The Chair, Councillor Shaw, welcomed Members to the meeting.
17:	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	Apologies for absence submitted prior to the meeting were accepted on behalf of Cllr Whiteley, Bradford.
18:	MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST
	There were no declarations of interest made.
19:	URGENT ITEMS
	There were no urgent items were discussed.
20:	MINUTES – 13TH NOVEMBER 2020
	Resolved – (1) That the Minutes of the meeting of the YPO Executive Sub-Committee held on 13 th November 2020 be approved as a true and accurate record.
21:	REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES
	Consideration was given to the Review of Financial Procedure Rules. The Financial Procedure Rules have been reviewed to ensure compliance with the current law, and no changes are currently proposed. Resolved – (1) That the Review of Financial Procedure Rules be noted.
22:	LEAD AUTHORITY ISSUES
	No Lead Authority issues were discussed.
23:	EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS
	Resolved – That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Items 9 to 13 on the grounds that they are likely to

	involve the disclosure of exempt information as described in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.
24:	FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2020 (EXEMPT)
	<p>The Head of Finance (Matthew Hirst) presented the report which provides an update of the organisation's performance in 2020.</p> <p>Councillors asked a number of questions and were satisfied with the responses provided.</p> <p>Resolved – (1) That the Financial Performance Review 2020 be acknowledged and noted.</p>
25:	FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2021 (EXEMPT)
	<p>The Head of Finance (Matthew Hirst) presented the report which provides an update of the organisation's performance so far in 2021.</p> <p>Councillors asked a number of questions and were satisfied with the responses provided.</p> <p>Resolved – (1) That the Financial Performance Review 2021 be acknowledged and noted.</p>
26:	BUSINESS UPDATE (EXEMPT)
	<p>The Managing Director (Simon Hill) presented the Business Update which provided Members with an update on activities of the organisation since the last sub-committee and provided an overview on forthcoming activities and challenges.</p> <p>The Managing Director (Simon Hill) provided Members with an update on an operational issue which could provide a risk to the organisation.</p> <p>Simon shared the possible implications of this with Members.</p> <p>Councillors asked several further questions on this and were satisfied with the responses provided from Officers.</p> <p>Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.</p>
27:	LINK UPDATE REPORT (EXEMPT)
	<p>Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director (Simon Hill), which provided Members with an update on the current project status.</p> <p>Simon also shared the progress made since the lessons learnt review was completed by Independent consultants Hatmill.</p>

	<p>Members raised a number of questions, and Officers provided detailed responses.</p> <p>Resolved – (1) That the update be noted.</p>
28:	INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR MEMBERS DISCUSSION (EXEMPT)
	<p>The Chair requested that YPO officers leave the meeting for this item.</p> <p>Jon Towler (Independent Director) shared his findings from the last few months. Jon noted that recovery is the main priority for 2021 and shared that he is pleased on where the business is operationally and how the leadership team have responded to recent challenges. Jon noted that it is a good news story so far this year.</p> <p>Jon outlined an area where it is understood there is an opportunity for growth.</p> <p>Rob McWilliam (Independent Director) noted that he is optimistic for the future, the two Executive Director appointments are critical for the long-term strategy.</p> <p>Cash management should remain a key focus. Support for the leadership team from the Management Committee is important over the next few months.</p> <p>Councillors thanked the Independent Directors for their update and noted it was useful.</p> <p>Resolved – (1) That the verbal update be acknowledged and noted.</p>
29:	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
	<p>Resolved – (1) That the next meeting of the YPO Executive Sub Committee is to be held 9th July 2021, at 10:30am.</p>