# MINUTE OF THE BLENDED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 07 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7PM

#### **PRESENT**

# **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr P Martin (Director)

Mrs L Sichi (Depute Director)

Mr A Scott (Chair)

Mrs R Tinney

Ms G O'Hara

Mrs A Jenkins

Mr J O'Donnell

Mrs C Mcguire

Mrs J Donachy

Ms G Hay

Mrs M Smith

Mr N Halls

Mrs E Conwell

Councillor A Casey

Mrs M Anderson\*

The Chair welcomed Councillor Alan Casey to the meeting.

# 1a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were tendered for Mr A Young, Mrs M Hutchison and Mrs E Conwell.

#### 1b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

# 1c. RELEVANT BUSINESS ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA

There was none.

# 2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - 24 JANUARY 2023

The above was proposed for approval by Mrs M Hutchison, seconded by Mrs J Donachy and unanimously agreed by the MC.

#### 2a. MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING – 24 JANUARY 2023

a) <u>Gas Management Improvement Plan</u> – the progress on the above was provided, this included home master improvements and scheduled training. An external audit has been arranged for the above.

# 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – 31 JANUARY 2023

The above was proposed for approval by Mr N Halls, seconded by Mrs R Tinney and unanimously agreed by the MC.

# 3a. MATTERS ARISING FROM SPECIAL MEETING - 31 JANUARY 2023

The Director referred to the discussion around the rent harmonisation and requested the MC to consider increasing the implementation period from 5 to 10 years on the basis that the some of the new rent charges are high when the calculations are made using the harmonised figures. Following discussion, it was agreed that the MC would review this at a future

<sup>\*</sup>Online attendance via Microsoft Teams

meeting once the figures have been presented to allow a decision to be made.

#### 4. USE OF SEAL

The above was proposed for approval by Mr N Halls, seconded by Mrs M Smith and unanimously agreed by the MC.

# 5. **GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

#### 5a. REVIEW CODE OF GOVERNANCE

The Depute Director referred to the above and went through each of the proposed changes to the Code which link to a range of other MHA documents (e.g., Model Rules). The review also included the monitoring of the various aspects of the Code and the governance related Registers. The MC noted that the Code of Governance was recently reviewed as part of the internal audit and no material issues were raised.

#### **5b.** REVIEW CONTROL OF PAYMENTS & BENEFITS POLICY

The members were reminded of the previous work carried out on developing the above policy and, in view of this, no amendments were required. The MC noted the monitoring report for this policy.

#### **5c.** REVIEW DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST POLICY

The members were advised of the minor proposed change to the above and referred to the monitoring report for noting.

The above three policies (5a-5c) were proposed for adoption by Mr N Halls, seconded by Mrs R Tinney and unanimously agreed by the MC.

# **5d. BUSINESS PLANNING AWAY DAY**

The MC discussed and agreed the proposed programme for the above.

#### **5e. CFN STAFFING LEVELS**

Following discussion of the above report, the MC requested that the Director implement option 1. The MC will be kept updated.

- 5f) Committee Meeting Schedule 2023
- 5g) GWSF Update
- 5j) SHR Compliance Update
- 5k) GDPR, FOI, NE, Complaints & Compliments *Items 5f-5i were noted by the MC.*

# 6. A.O.C.B

None.

# 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 07 March 2023 at 7.00pm.