

Chairman

Mrs L Furey

Members were reminded to update their entry in the Register of Interests as necessary.

16/21.

Approved: the minutes of the Farm Strategy Committee Meeting held on 2 February 2017
(16/11-16/20)

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Received: a report from the University Secretary.

- Noted:
- i) that the requested amendment to the minutes had been made;
 - ii) that work was on-going to complete the Farm Enterprise Costing Model. The aim was to use data to create a model to be utilised across all enterprise units. A first draft will be available for comment at the next Committee meeting and it is anticipated that the model will be in operation for the beginning of the 2017-18 financial year;
 - iii) that the bund work around the slurry tanks had now been completed;
 - iv) that plans for the capital works are now in place and agreed with Finance

Agreed:

that proportions of fixed costs used in the Farm Enterprise Costing Model would need to be agreed at the beginning of the new financial year. These costs could then be reviewed in 12 months and any reported changes agreed at that stage.

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Received:

a report from the University Secretary on risk items monitored by the Committee.

Noted:

- i) that breathing apparatus kit had been procured with face fitting for both Farm animals and CERC staff;
- ii) that the new poultry biosecurity fencing plan had been agreed;
- iii) that regular Farm staff meetings are taking place to ensure all staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities and that training needs were being identified;
- iv) that appropriate health and safety notices are being maintained to remind visitors of regulations whilst on site.

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- iii) that pork prices were increasing post Brexit vote;
- iv) that further skills training and work experience opportunities would be offered for the autumn term.

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Received: a progress report on the Annual Operating Plans for the APWVS Sheep Unit, APWVS Beef Unit and CERC.

- Noted:
- i) that the APWVS Sheep Unit continued to support teaching together with 5 students and 15 HRP students resulting in all KPIs being on target or exceeded;
 - ii) that despite the disruption of the new building the Beef Unit is on target for HRP involvement and an increased number of classes were accessing the facility;
 - iii) that new cattle were planned for the autumn sourced from calves and external sales. The Farm Manager would be kept informed.
 - iv) that land area for CERC trials had been agreed with Scott Kirby;
 - v) that Grace Smith is in discussion with various seed companies in an effort to gain sponsorship for the trial plots.

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Received: an oral report