

Annual General Meeting and Annual Members' Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 24 November 2020
via Lifesize Livestreaming

AGM20/001

Welcome

Mark Addison, the Trust Chairman, welcomed everyone who was viewing the virtual meeting via Lifesize livestreaming. He said that the 2019/20 financial year had started normally, but by the end had been engulfed by the COVID pandemic. He highlighted the many positives over the year despite of the challenges, including the hospital's emergency department performance, planning approval of the much need multi-storey car park and the appointment of Jenni Douglas-Todd as Chair of the Dorset Integrated Care System.

He thanked all the staff at the hospital for their work during the challenging and uncertain times, in particular Patricia Miller, Chief Executive Officer, and the executive team. He also thanked the Governors, volunteers, Friends of DCH and donors, all of whom had provided great support to the hospital.

In addition he welcomed those Governors who had been elected in 2020. He also extended his thanks to his non-executive director colleagues, and welcomed Margaret Blankson, Stephen Tilton and Dave Underwood to the Board.

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Pandemic – View from the Front Line

Dr Duncan Chambler, Consultant Anaesthetist and Clinical Lead for Critical Care, and Rachel Cookson, Divisional Head of Nursing and Quality provided attendees with an insight into what life at the front line of the COVID pandemic had been like for the hospital's critical care team. They thanked the people of Dorset for their role in minimising the spread of the virus by adhering to lockdown and social distancing measures.

Staying Well for Winter

Dr Will McConnell, Respiratory Consultant, gave an overview of winter wellness including risk factors, the impact of COVID and managing flu, pneumonia and asthma. He underlined the importance of adhering to hand washing and social distancing guidance, having a flu vaccination, and taking steps to maintaining good physical and mental wellbeing.

The Chair thanked Duncan Chambler, Rachel Cookson and Will McConnell for their excellent and highly relevant presentations.

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Site Development Plan Update

The Director of Strategy, Transformation and Partnerships provided an overview of the hospital's masterplan for the development of the site, including the background, underpinning principles and vision. Enabling

works were soon to commence on the multi-storey car park with a projected completion date of summer 2021. In addition to the overall site development plans, the hospital was pleased to have been allocated £15 million of new hospital development funding to expand emergency department and intensive care capacity.

AGM20/004**Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20****Highlights from the Annual Report and Review of the Year**

Patricia Miller, Chief Executive Officer gave an overview of the challenges the Trust had faced during the 2019/20 financial year and highlighted the hospital's many achievements despite these challenges. She also presented key updates on operational and quality performance, the National Inpatient Survey, the national Staff Survey and the Dorset Integrated Care system.

Annual Accounts 2019/20

Paul Goddard, the Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Trust's Annual Accounts for the financial year 2019/20. He reported that the hospital had ended the year with a surplus of £205,000 and gave details of the Trust's income, expenditure, investments and efficiencies.

The Chair thanked the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for their summaries of the Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20.

AGM20/005**Lead Governor's Report**

Dr David Cove, Lead Governor, reported on the activities undertaken by the Council of Governors during the year 2019/20. He outlined the results of the Governor elections that took place during the financial year and reported on the changes that had been made to the Trust's constitution during the year. He stated that the Governors had been particularly impressed by the way the Trust had handled the pandemic, and he also believed that the hospital had an outstanding non-executive team under the capable leadership of the Chair. A copy of the Lead Governor's Report with full details of Governor activities during 2019/20 was available on request.

The Chair thanked Dr Cove and the Council of Governors for their work.

AGM20/006**Questions from Members and the Public**

No questions had been received in advance from members or members of the public.

AGM20/007**Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.