

# RURAL & FARMING EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2025 - 2.30 PM



**PRESENT:** Councillor T Taylor (Chairman), Councillor J Clark and Councillor A Woollard

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs J French (Vice-Chairman), Councillor L Foice-Beard, Councillor M Humphrey and Councillor Mrs D Laws

Officers in attendance: Anna Goodall (Assistant Director) and Helen Moore (Member Services and Governance Officer)

## **RF26/23**     **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2025 were confirmed and signed.

## **RF27/23**     **MOTION TO COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF RURAL AND FARMING MATTERS**

Councillor Taylor provided an update on a Motion presented to Council.

**Members noted the information provided.**

## **RF28/23**     **START UP GRANT FUND - SUCCESS STORY**

A presentation was given by Kerrie McFadden regarding a Start Up Grant fund she received from the District Council in order to build a business to help the local farming community promote their businesses through social media.

**Members noted the information provided.**

*(Councillor Taylor declared that Kerrie McFadden has been helping with his business)*

## **RF29/23**     **HALAL MEAT SLAUGHTERING PRACTICES**

Members were shown a presentation on the Hala Meat Slaughtering practice and the option to choose what people buy and consume from supermarkets, presented by Catherine Blaiklock, Robin Tilbrook and Gurpreet Singh Anand.

**Members noted the information provided.**

## **RF30/23**     **BOVAER CATTLE FOOD ADDITIVE**

Councillor Taylor gave an update on the Bovaer cattle food additive which is in some animal feed. This is a private investigation Councillor Taylor has taking on in his capacity as a Farmer.

**Members noted the information provided.**

## **RF31/23**     **ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING FUTURE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME AGENDA ITEMS**

Councillor Taylor stated that he had a phone meeting with the Leader of the Conservative Party scheduled regarding the Rural and Farming Committee as Fenland District Council is the only Council to have such a committee in place.

Councillor Taylor referred to motions on TB and Blue Tongue and support for local farmers with planning applications.

**RF32/23**     **ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS UNDER ITEM 3 DEEMED URGENT**

Councillor Taylor stated that he would like to take the opportunity to remind planning officers of the motion agreed by Full Council regarding supporting local farmers with planning applications to ensure the motion is taken into consideration when determining applications from local farming businesses, alongside all other planning considerations.

3.27 pm

Chairman