

**The Southern and South East England Tourist Board
(TOURISM SOUTH EAST)**

**Minutes of the AGM held on 25 September 2023
at Old Thorns Hotel, Liphook, Hampshire**

357 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Phil Evans, the Chair of the Board, introduced the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Southern and South East England Tourist Board (TSE) and welcomed Tourism South East members and destination partners to the Old Thorns Hotel.

He thanked Old Thorns Hotel for hosting the AGM complementing the venue. He continued by explaining role TSE continues to maintain within the tourism sector at large in the face of changes both internally such as the introduction of LVEPS and externally with cost of living and climate change. Mr Evans went on to explain the format of the event and the speakers presenting.

358 MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

The minutes of the virtual Annual General Meeting held on 22 September 2022 were presented. There were no matters arising.

RESOLVED by a show of hands from the assembled membership that the minutes were confirmed as a true record. There were no votes against.

359 ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23: CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT

The Chair handed the meeting over to Fran Downton, Chief Executive, who, in turn, welcomed everyone to the meeting explaining that this was the first 'in person' AGM rather than on a virtual platform for many years. The Chief Executive explained how the hard work delivered by the TSE staff over the past year had contributed to the strength of the company.

360 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2022/23

The Chair introduced John Atherton, Chairman of the Audit Panel, to provide a report on the financial statements as presented within the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Mr Atherton summarised the financial position of the company and led a walkthrough of the accounts for the financial year 2022/23. It was noted that no weaknesses had been identified by the independent review conducted by HWB and a clean bill of health issued once again. Furthermore these accounts present the company in a positive position. Attention was drawn to the hitherto, in recent times, unprecedented pension asset, rather than a liability, and its treatment within the accounts.

Mr Atherton concluded by thanking Paul Oliver, long standing company secretary, on his retirement for his immense input, dedication and determination to the running and control of TSE's finances especially during the tough times.

The chairman thanked Mr Atherton and invited questions from the floor. None were forthcoming.

Members received and considered the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

PROPOSED by Kim Hallett and SECONDED by Andrew Bateman

RESOLVED by a show of hands from the assembled membership that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Board for the financial year 2022/23 are to be accepted. There were no votes against.

361 APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Chair explained that a position had become vacant on the Board for which two candidates had applied after an invitation was issued. Following on-line voting by the membership Julia White has been elected to the Board for a period of three years:

The Chair welcomed the new appointment and thanked those who had retired from the Board during the course of the year.

362 PROVISIONAL DATE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

The provisional date for the next AGM will be 26 September 2024 at a venue to be announced.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 11:43am.