

**SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE**  
**03/10/2024 at 5.00 pm**



**Present:** Councillor  
Councillors Shah (Chair) M Ali (Substitute), F Hussain  
(Substitute) and Mushtaq (Substitute)

Also in Attendance:

Harry Catherall	Chief Executive
Emma Barton	Deputy Chief Executive (Place)
Shelley Kipling	Assistant Chief Executive
Steve Hughes	Oldham MBC
Andrew Mather	Constitutional Services

Representing Northern  
Roots

Anna da Silva	Chief Executive Officer
Allan Tyrer	Trustee and Chair of Finance and Risk Management Committee
Councillor A. Jabbar	Chair of Trustees
Councillor B Brownridge	Trustee

1           **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Resolved:

That Councillor Shah be appointed as Chair of the Shareholder  
Committee.

2           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Goodwin,  
Jabbar and Taylor. (Councillor Jabbar attended the meeting in  
another capacity)

3           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

5           **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

6           **NORTHERN ROOTS**

The Chief Executive Officer of Northern Roots, supported by  
Trustees gave a presentation and video outlining the work of the  
Charity.

The presentation showed that Northern Roots was having a  
positive impact on the local economy drawing in grant funding  
and sponsorship from the region and nationally.

Several case studies highlighted the benefits to both users and  
employees, in particular, in improved mental and physical health  
and employment prospects.

The presentation also outlined proposals for future activities and  
expansion including a proposed visitor centre.

Agreed:

That the Shareholder Committee would consider commercially sensitive information provided by Northern Roots, to be presented at Item 8.

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## **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting, for the following item of business, on the grounds that it contains exempt information under paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the documents considered.

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## **NORTHERN ROOTS**

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 6.

Shareholder Committee has a responsibility to safeguard the Council's investment in Companies wholly owned by the council and ensure that the Company complies with the Council's corporate objectives and maximise outcomes in line with Council Policy.

In respect of this the Shareholder Committee received a further presentation and considered the following documents provided by Northern Roots.

Accounts 2022/23  
Draft Accounts 2023/24  
Business Plan  
Case For Support  
End of Year Report 2023  
Scheme of Delegation  
HR Committee Minutes

Members asked questions and received information regarding a number of aspects of Northern Roots activities, achievements, future developments and plans.

Members enquired about what support Northern Roots was seeking from the Council. Suggestions raised by Northern Roots and the Council's position on those would be the subject of further discussions between offices, members and Northern Roots Trustees following this meeting.

Northern Roots were thanked for attending the meeting and their informative video and presentation.

The meeting started at 5.00pm and ended at 6.15pm