

- iv) that appropriate signage around the farm continued to be maintained;
- v) that there were currently two vacancies to be filled on the Farm and Facebook advertisements were to be considered; **CEB/JG**
- vi) that the issue of water was to be added to the risk register combined under the slurry item.

18/25 Farm Management Accounts (Grass and Arable)

Considered:

- i) the Farm Management accounts (Grass and Arable) for the period to 30th April 2019;
- ii) a progress report on the Annual Operating Plans for the University Farm: Dairy Unit, Young Stock/Sheep and Arable Enterprises.

Noted:

- i) that the April 2019 farm accounts reported a loss of £39k versus a budgeted contribution for the year to date of £5k giving an adverse variance of £44k;
- ii) that non-commercial income less costs were favourable to budget due to slightly higher rents compared to budget;

- iv) that pig sales were higher than budgeted at 4,725 vs 3,718.

18/27 **Animal Production Welfare and Veterinary Science/Crop and Environmental Science Departments - Operating Plans 2018/19**

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

- Noted:
- i) that the Sheep Unit had once again been well used by students for both teaching and research with production of meat for sale being a secondary consideration;
 - ii) that production rates for the Sheep Unit had been 1.5 lambs per ewe;
 - iii) that ewe mortality stood at 2.9% against a target of 5%;
 - iv) that there had recently been some staff changes within the Beef Unit. Discussions for a replacement Reader were in hand with ABP;
 - v) that production targets continued to exceed performance targets;
 - vi) that calf mortality was 6% which is below the national average of 8%;
 - vii) that a meeting to agree land area was due to take place next week;
 - viii) that a new trials management platform was now being used;

18/28 **Research Projects 2018/19**

Received: an oral report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor on new/current research projects involving the Farm.

- Noted:
- i) that a large number of bids had been received with £5.6m awaiting decision;
 - ii) that confidential discussions about possible collaboration with another HEI was ongoing;
 - iii) that