

HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY

Minutes of the meeting of the Farm Strategy Committee held on 17 October 2019 at 10.00 in the Temperton Room.

Present:

Dr D Llewellyn Chairman

Dr J Donaldson

Mr C Ellis

Mrs L Furey

Mr R Hooper

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19/04 **Farm Management Accounts (Grass and Arable** **Grass and Arable**

- iv) that slurry charges of £34k were incurred from the Farm due to repairs to the main pump which had not been budgeted for;

19/06 **Animal Production Welfare and Veterinary Science/Crop and Environmental Science Departments - Operating Plans 2019/20**

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

- 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 1.84 lambs per ewe;
 - iii) that ewe mortality stood at 4% against a target of 5%;
 - iv) that the Beef Unit had provided resources for 2 HRP students. This was down on previous years due to the lack of a beef unit Head of Research;
 - v) that the Beef Unit continued to be used for undergraduate teaching for tutorials and short courses;
 - vi) that calf mortality was 6% which is below the national average of 8%;
 - vii) that a new Natural England strategy would be formed over the winter as crops