

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

27 January 2020

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors T Clews, Davey, Dirveiks, O Phillips, McLauchlan, Simpson, Singh and Symonds.

Councillors D Clews and D Humphreys were also in attendance.

36 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Dirveiks declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No 48 Advance Payment of Pension Contributions, by virtue of being a Member of the County Council's Pension Fund Investment Sub-Committee and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

37 **Minutes of the Resources Board meeting held on 11 November 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 11 November 2019, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record, subject to Councillor Dirveiks being amended as an apology for absence, and signed by the Chairman.

38 **Cyber Security**

The Director of Corporate Services provided information on the work carried out to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a potential cyber incident and approval was sought for actions to improve the governance of cyber matters.

Recommendation to Council:

- a **That the report be noted; and**
- b **That the proposals set out in paragraph 7.2 of the report of the Director of Corporate Services be approved.**

39 **Broadband Update Report**

The Director of Corporate Services provided an update on the progress made over the last few years to improve broadband coverage and speeds in the Borough.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

40 Online Services Update 2019

The Director of Corporate Services provided an update on the services delivered online, via the Internet and on the use of the Website and Social Media.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

41 General Fund Fees and Charges 2020/21

The Chief Executive, Corporate Director – Streetscape, Corporate Director – Resources and Director of Housing reported on the fees and charges for 2019/20 and the proposed fees and charges for 2020/21.

Resolved:

That the schedule of fees and charges for 2020/21, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive, Corporate Director – Streetscape, Corporate Director – Resources and the Director of Housing be approved.

42 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2020/21 – Services Recharged Across All Boards

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revised budget for 2019/20 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2020/21, together with forward commitments for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Resolved:

a That the revised budget for 2019/20 be accepted; and

Recommendation to the Executive Board:

b That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2020/21, as submitted in the report of the Corporate Director - Resources, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of the Executive Board on 10 February 2020.

43 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2020/21 – Services Remaining within the Board

The Corporate Director - Resources reported on the revised budget for 2019/20 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2020/21, together with forward commitments for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Resolved:

- a That the revised budget for 2019/20 be accepted;**

Recommendation to the Executive Board:

- b That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2020/21, as submitted in the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of the Executive Board on 10 February 2020.**

44 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2020/21 - Summary

The Corporate Director - Resources reported on the revised budget for 2019/20 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2020/21, together with forward commitments for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Recommendation to Executive Board:

That the following items be recommended to the Executive Board for consideration in setting the Council Tax of the Borough Council:

- a The revised budget for 2019/20; and**
- b The schedule of expenditure requirements totalling £8,773,380 for 2020/2021.**

45 Housing Revenue Account Estimates 2020/21 and Rent Review

The Corporate Director - Resources reported on the revised budget for 2019/20 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2020/21, together with forward commitments for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Recommendation to Council:

- a That the revised estimates for 2019/20 be accepted;**
- b That the garage rents be increased by £0.50 per week for 2020/21;**

- c That a rent increase of 2.7% in 2020/21, as required by the Government, be adopted;**
- d That the proposed fees and charges for 2020/201, as set out in Appendix D to the report of the Corporate Director - Resources, be approved;**
- e That the service charges for the cleaning of communal areas, as detailed in Appendix E to the report of the Corporate Director - Resources, be approved from April 2020;**
- f That the service charges for window cleaning, as detailed in Appendix F to the report of the Corporate Director - Resources, be approved from April 2020;**
- g That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2020/21, as submitted, be approved.**

(The Chief Executive has subsequently received a notice signed by Councillors Dirveiks, Farrow, McLauchlan and O Phillips) under Standing Order No 30(1)(b)(Minority Report) with regard to the decision of the Board on this matter and it is therefore referred to Council for confirmation.)

46 Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23

The Corporate Director - Resources identified changes to the Council's 2019/20 capital programme and detailed proposals for schemes to be included within the Council's capital programme over the next three years.

Recommendation to Council:

- a That the changes to the 2019/20 revised capital programme be approved;**
- b That the schemes shown in Appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director - Resources, previously approved within the Council's three-year capital programme, including any 2022/23 additions relating to previously approved schemes be approved;**
- c That the growth bid included within the 2020/21 capital programme be approved;**
- d That the schemes which will not be included within the capital programme, as shown in Appendix B to the report of the Corporate Director - Resources, be noted; and**

- e **That the proposed vehicle replacement schedule, as shown in Appendix C to the report of the Corporate Director - Resources, be approved.**

(The Chief Executive has subsequently received a notice signed by Councillors Dirveiks, Farrow, O Phillips and McLauchlan) under Standing Order No 30(1)(b)(Minority Report) with regard to the decision of the Board on this matter and it is therefore referred to Council for confirmation.)

47 **Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2020/21**

The Corporate Director – Resources outlined the Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Investment Strategy for 2020/21.

Recommendation to Council:

That the proposed strategies for 2020/21, as outlined in the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be approved.

48 **Advance Payment of Pension Contributions**

The Corporate Director – Resources outlined the payment of pension contributions in advance and the potential risks and benefits.

Recommendation to Executive Board:

That the payment of both the percentage of pay and monetary elements of the pension contributions payments on 1 April 2020, as detailed in the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be approved.

D Wright
Chairman